

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2991  
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AIR STATIONS IN KARNATAKA  
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

(a) whether there is any proposal for setting up of High Power Transmitters (HPTs) of All India Radio (AIR) stations in Karnataka including Davangere with relay transmission of Vividh Bharati and National Broadcasting programmes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said HPT of AIR station likely to be made functional ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (DR. S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN)

(a) & (b) Prasar Bharati has informed that the existing 500 kW SW transmitter at Banguluru meant for relay of Vividh Bharati Service is being replaced by new 500 kW SW (DRM) Digital Transmitter. The existing 200 kW MW transmitter at Banguluru and Dharwad, meant for Primary Channel Service, are also being replaced by new 200 kW MW (DRM) Digital Transmitter. Installation of the above 3 High Power Transmitters (HPTs) of All India Radio is likely to be completed in 2013.

In addition to above new FM Transmitters (Relay) are also being set up at following 6 places in Karnataka:

S. No.	Place	Capacity of FM Transmitter
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1.	Devangere	100 Watt
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2.	Hosdurg	100 Watt
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3.	Kumata	100 Watt
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4.	Sagar	100 Watt
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5.	Tumkur	100 Watt
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6.	Bhadrawati	1 kW
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The installation of the above transmitters is likely to be completed during this year.

Also setting up of new AIR FM stations has been proposed at 13 additional places in Karnataka, including a 5 kW FM Transmitter at Davangere, in the 12th Five Year Plan, which would however be subject to the allocation of funds and approval by Planning Commission.