

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SERVICES OF CRS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Community Radio Stations (CRSs) functioning in the country, State-wise and location wise;
- (b) whether the Government has conducted any study to evaluate the performance and effectiveness of CRSs especially in disseminating socially relevant information;
- (c) if so, the outcome of such study;
- (d) whether the Government promotes/provides financial and other incentives for setting up and maintaining CRSs in remote, tribal, socially backward areas of the country;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether the Government proposes to encourage gram panchayati raj institutions to establish CRSs; and
- (g) if so, details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) 131 Community Radio Stations are presently functional in the country. State-wise and location-wise details of functional CRSs are at Annexure-I.
- (b) No evaluation study has been conducted as yet.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) Ministry is organizing awareness workshops across the country to create awareness amongst the masses about the CR Policy and to sensitize government officials, NGOs and other concerned stakeholders for promoting the Community Radio scheme.
- (e) So far 35 awareness workshops have been organized by the Government in various parts of the country and 2 National Sammelans have been organized at New Delhi. Ministry has proposed a scheme in the 12th plan to provide financial support to CR stations.
- (f) As per policy guidelines for setting up CRSs, gram panchayati raj institutions are not eligible for setting up Community Radio Stations.
- (g) Does not arise.