

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:863

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NEW AKASHVANI STATIONS

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to open new Akashvani Stations/Sub-stations in various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the locations identified for the purpose, State-wise including Maharashtra;
- (c) whether the Union Government has received proposals from the various State Governments in this regard;
- (d) if so, the status of the proposals, State-wise; and
- (e) the funds allocated/released for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Prasar Bharati has informed that new Akashvani Kendras are being set up at 221 more places in the country including 7 places in Maharashtra. The state-wise details are given in Annexure-I. In addition to this, the proposal for setting up of new AIR stations have also been made in the 12th Plan in the country, subject to allocation of funds and approval by Planning Commission.

(c) to (e) The State-wise details of proposals received for setting up of new radio stations along with their current status and funds allocated for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year are given in Annexure-II.