

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

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AIR PRIVATE FM RADIO STATIONS  
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of All India Radio FM Stations and Private FM Radio Stations presently operating in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to issue new licences to the private players in this sector; (
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the number of FM Radio channels likely to be added in the next three years, State/UT-wise including Karnataka; and
- (d) the total revenue likely to be generated as a result thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI MANISH TEWARI)

(a): Presently, 360 FM stations of All India Radio (AIR) are functioning in the country. State/UT- wise details are at Annexure -I.

In addition, 242 Private FM Radio Stations (including 21 stations operationalised under Phase-I scheme) are operational in the country under the Policy on expansion of FM Radio Broadcasting services through private agencies (Phase-II). State/UT-wise details are at Annexure - II.

(b): Yes, Sir.

(c): The policy on expansion of FM Radio broadcasting services through private agencies (Phase-III) was approved by the Cabinet on 7th July, 2011. Under the Policy, 839 FM channels, including 59 channels in Karnataka, will be auctioned in 294 cities through e-auction following prescribed procedure. State/UT-wise details of 839 private FM channels are at Annexure -III.

(d): The total revenue will be determined on the basis of the reserve price as well as the response of the broadcasters/companies.