

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:379

ANSWERED ON:15.12.2009

COMMUNITY RADIO STATIONS

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

- (a) The number of Community Radio Station (CRS) presently functioning in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the details of applications received from various organizations including educational institutions for setting up of CRS in the country;
- (c) the status of such applications;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to provide financial assistance to educational institutions and other organizations for setting up of CRS; and
- (e) if so, details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of House.

STATEMENT AS REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 379 FOR 15.12.2009

(a) 48 Community Radio Stations (CRS) are presently functioning in the Country. State-wise details are at Annexure.

(b) 584 applications have been received from various organizations for setting up of CRS in the country which includes 240 applications from educational institutions.

(c) the status of such applications is as follow:

- i) Letters of intent issued : 189
- ii) Applications rejected : 79
- iii) Applications under process : 316

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.