

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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WOMEN PROGRAMMES ON FM AND RADIO
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to broadcast programmes for awareness of women through All India Radio/FM Radio Stations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the broadcasting of such programmes is likely to be commenced; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C. M. JATUA)

(a) to (c): Prasar Bharati has informed that All India Radio (AIR) Stations have dedicated time slots for women's programmes, during which programmes for women's awareness are broadcast. Broadcasting new and innovative programmes for women's awareness is a routine feature for AIR. Programmes highlighting the role of women in nation building are also broadcast regularly from AIR Stations in different formats in their respective languages/ dialects.

As far as private FM Radio Operators are concerned, they are free to decide their programming except for carriage of News and Current Affairs, subject to compliance to the AIR Code, as per the extant FM radio policy.