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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up community Radio and Television Stations in the country including remote areas for the benefit of women and students;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the stake holders/Self-Help Groups (SHG) likely to be involved in the scheme?

Answer

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

(a) No Sir.

(b) Question does not arise in view of reply given at (a) above.

c) The Government has formulated a Policy on Community Radio whereby Educational Institutions, 'Non-profit' organizations like civil society and voluntary organizations, State Agricultural Universities, ICAR institutions, Krishi Vigyan Kendras, Registered Societies and autonomous Bodies and Public Trusts registered under Societies Act or any other such act relevant for the purpose, can apply for grant of permission to set up Community radio Stations subject to fulfillment of the conditions laid down in the Policy guidelines. The details are available in this Ministry's website: www.mib.nic.in.