

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

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COVERAGE AREA OF FM CHANNEL  
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

- (a) the percentage area of the country including Orissa covered under FM broadcasting services;
- (b) the names of the States including Orissa where broadcasting services have been started, location-wise;
- (c) whether FM broadcasting services are likely to be started in other parts of the country including Orissa; and
- (d) if so, the names of the cities identified for the implementation of such services?

**Answer**

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

- (a) At present 24.55% area of country is covered by FM broadcasting service of All India Radio (AIR). In Orissa 13.74% of the area is covered by the AIR FM broadcasting service. No such exercise has been done in respect of private FM Channels.
- (b) AIR FM broadcasting service has already been started from 172 places. List of such stations is given in Annexure-I. State-wise details of private FM Radio Stations are at Annexure-II.
- (c) & (d) Yes, Sir. Schemes of installation of AIR FM Transmitter at 195 more places were approved under 10th Five Year Plan. Names of such places are given in Annexure-III. Phase-III Policy for expansion of FM Radio by Private Broadcasters have not yet been finalized.