

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

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SETTING UP OF FM RADIO STATIONS  
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government has received proposals regarding setting up of FM radio stations from various States including Karnataka and Bihar;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether out of them many proposals including setting up of FM radio station in Bidar, Karnataka are pending till date;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the reasons for not giving approval to the pending proposals till date; and
- (f) the time by which the pending proposals are likely to get approval from the Union Government?

**Answer**

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

(a)& (b) Yes, Sir. Prasar Bharati has informed that proposals have been received for setting up of FM Stations for 88 places in various States including 4 places in Bihar and 5 places in Karnataka during the last three years and the current year. Out of these 88 places, AIR FM stations were already there at 2 places viz. Sitamarhi in Bihar and Dhanbad in Jharkhand and the proposal for setting up of FM stations at 29 places was taken up under the 11th Five Year Plan.

(c) to (f) Plans for setting up of New AIR FM stations at various places in the country including at Bidar in Karnataka is a dynamic and continuous process keeping in view the availability of funds.