

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

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FM CHANNELS FOR EDUCATING STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government had provided exclusive FM channels for educating students in the remote areas of the country ;
- (b) if so, the details of such amenities provided or proposed to be provided in Kerala; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

a) to (c) : Government has signed an agreement with Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) for operationalization of exclusive FM Stations for educational broadcast at 40 places, including two stations in Kerala viz Cochin and Thiruvananthapuram. Out of these 40 stations, 37 are presently operational and in three places viz. Jamnagar, Ludhiana and Bhubaneshwar, IGNOU has decided not to set up stations. Prasar Bharati has informed that AIR does not have exclusive FM channel for educating students.