

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2546
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LOWER KILOWATT CAPACITY OF RADIO STATIONS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of radio stations set up in Bihar alongwith their capacity, location-wise;
- (b) whether the population residing within approximately 70-80 kilometers inside the Bihar border of Indo-Nepal Border area is compelled to listen to the FM radios of Nepal due to installation of lower kilowatt capacity radio stations at several locations alongwith the said border area;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard;
- (d) whether the radio stations of Patna and Darbhanga are also unable to air programmes smoothly with voice clarity due to installation of relatively less kilowatt capacity transmitters of these stations; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a): Prasar Bharati has informed that, All India Radio (AIR) Stations are functional at 15 places in Bihar. The details alongwith their capacity are given in Annexure.

(b) and (c) : No Sir. Prasar Bharati has informed that Bihar state is fully covered by AIR terrestrial coverage in AM mode. However, terrestrial coverage in FM mode is nearly 24 % by area and nearly 25 % by population in Bihar including population living in rural areas and border areas. 21 radio channels (Programmes) of AIR are available on Doordarshan's DTH platform in Ku-band (DD FREE DISH) and these can be received through a set top box all over the country including uncovered areas. AIR has planned for strengthening of the terrestrial coverage along Indo-Nepal subject to availability of funds during the 12th Five year Plan.

(d): No Sir.

(e): Does not arise.

Annexure

List of existing A.I.R. Stations along with their capacity in Bihar

Sl. No.	Stations	Transmitter Power / Type
	MW (AM) FM	
1.	Aurangabad	100 W
2.	Betiah	100 W
3.	Bhagalpur	20 kW 100 W
4.	Darbhanga	20 KW
5.	Forbesganj	100 W
6.	Gaya	100 W
7.	Kishan ganj	100 W
8.	Madhubani	100 W
9.	Motihari	100 W
10.	Muzaafarpur	100 W
11.	Patna	100 KW 6 KW 10 kW
12.	Purnea	6 KW
13.	Sasaram	6 KW
14.	Sitamarhi	100 W
15.	Supaul	100 W

