

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

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NEW CHANNELS FOR CLASSICAL MUSIC
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to start new channels of radio and television completely devoted to classical music;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;and
- (c) if not, the efforts being made by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING, ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR).

(a) and (b): Prasar Bharati has informed that presently there is no proposal to start new channels of radio and television completely devoted to classical music .

(c): All India Radio (AIR) presently has two dedicated classical musical channels viz. Ragam and Amritavarshini which adequately cater to the needs of the lovers of classical music. Vide the 12th Five Year Plan, a scheme for upgradation of 1 kw to 10 kw has been approved for the FM transmitter which carries Classical Musical Channel Amritavarshini at AIR, Bangalore.