

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

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Community Radio Station in Border Areas  
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

- a) whether the Government proposes any special schemes for promotion of Community Radio Station in border areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of existing Community Radio Stations functioning in border areas, location and State/UT-wise?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING [COL RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (Retd.)]

(a) & (b) Permission to set up Community Radio Stations (CRS) is granted under the Policy Guidelines for setting up of Community Radio Stations in India. These guidelines are available at Ministry's website, [www.mib.nic.in](http://www.mib.nic.in). Eligible organizations from any region/part of the country, including border areas, can apply for permission to set up CRS.

The Ministry has been encouraging enhancement of reach of CRS in all regions/districts of the country. Towards this, awareness workshops are being organized by this Ministry to sensitize people about the CRS policy and create awareness amongst aspiring applicants about issues relating to setting up, operation & maintenance of Community Radios.

(c) At present following two Community Radio Stations are functioning in Border areas:

- i) Radio Sarda of Pir Panchal (NGO), Jammu, Jammu & Kashmir
- ii) Saiyere Jo Radio of Saiyere Jo Sanghathan (NGO), Village-Bhimsar, Kutch, Gujarat.

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