

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:664

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AKASHVANI CENTRES SUB CENTRES

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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

- (a) the total number of Akashvani Centres/Sub-Centres operational in different parts of the country, State-wise and the details of the criteria fixed for opening of the said Centres/ Sub Centres;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to open new Akashvani Centres/ Sub-Centres in the country including various districts in Maharashtra;
- (c) if so, the state-wise details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has allocated funds for the development of such Centres/ Sub-Centres; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) Prasar Bharati has informed that presently, AIR Centres / Relay Centres are functional at 414 locations throughout the country. State-wise details are given in Annexure-I.

All India Radio sets up Akashvani Kendras with 3 tier system of broadcasting, namely National, Regional and Local to cover the entire area of the country by terrestrial mode of transmission:-

- i. AIR Centres with high power Medium Wave (MW) and Short Wave (SW) transmitters at various zones for broadcasting National level programme to cover the entire country.
- ii. The Regional (Primary) Centres with Medium Wave and Short Wave transmitters of suitable capacity at the State capitals and major cities in the country to cover the entire State.
- iii. FM Radio Station to have Local Radio Station with FM transmitters in smaller cities in the country to cover that district / city.

(b) to (e) Yes Madam. Scheme for setting up of 190 new AIR Centres/ Relay Centres including 100 Watt FM Relay Centres under 12th Plan is under implementation. State-wise details along with funds allocated for the development of new AIR Centres / Relay Centres are given in Annexure-II (A) &(B).