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Title: Need to post adequate staff at All India Radio, Bellary, Karnataka to facilitate full coverage of the F.M. Channel in the district.

SHRI G. KARUNAKARA REDDY (BELLARY): A full-fledged radio station with the capacity of 10 KV for which all infrastructural facilities like studio, have been installed in Bellary, Karnataka two years ago. Because of non-availability of staff, this radio station has not started functioning.

Bellary District is getting FM channel from Bangalore with the capacity of 1 KV only and that too coverage area within 10 to 15 kilometers, which does not cover the entire District. That too, Bellary FM Radio Station is relaying only from 6 AM to 10 AM. Hence, there is an urgent need to depute full-fledged staff for the All India Radio, Bellary to start functioning of the Station to cover all the areas of the District.

Till then, the FM Channel can be down-linked from nearby Hospet Radio Station, which is running programmes from 6 AM to 11 PM. If this is done, the immediate problem of people of Bellary District can be temporarily solved to some extent.

I, therefore, urge upon the Government to look into the matter and take immediate steps to meet the above demands of people of my Constituency in Bellary, Karnataka.