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Title : Need to upgrade the existing Relay Centre at Dharmapuri in Tamil Nadu as a full-fledged Radio Station.

SHRI R. THAMARAISELVAN (DHARMAPURI): In 1993 a decision was taken to set up a Radio Station at Dharmapuri in Tamil Nadu and a station came up in 2000 by spending a sum of Rs. 9 crore at Adhiyamankottai in Dharmapuri, and a trial broadcast was conducted on the Independence Day of Year 2000. This trial broadcast continued till 2007. However, owing to pressure from the people, this station was linked with the Chennai Rainbow FM and programme is being broadcast from 6.00 a.m. to 12 Noon. The people of this area have been demanding that this station at Dharmapuri be made a full-fledged Radio Station and programme be broadcast 24 hours from this station itself rather than relaying from or depending on Chennai Rainbow FM Station. I, therefore, urge upon the Government to take necessary action to make the Radio Station at Dharmapuri a full fledged Station by appointing staff, etc. and programme be broadcast for 24 hours as is being done in respect of all other radio stations across the country.