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Title: Need to make FM Radio Station in Srikakulam district, Andhra Pradesh operational.

DR. KRUPARANI KILLI (SRIKAKULAM): Srikakulam District in Andhra Pradesh is one of the most backward districts in the State as well as in the country. There is no development in the district even after 60 years of independence. For bringing the district into main stream of the development, the Government of India has sanctioned a FM Radio Station for Srikakulam district in the year 2006. I am given to understand that after the station was sanctioned, the foundation stone was laid in the year 2006. Thereafter, the civil works were also sanctioned and completed in the year 2008. Among the civil works completed are the buildings for Radio Station and Offices. Construction of the staff quarters was also taken up and completed and the infrastructure is ready for the commencement of the FM Radio Station. However, unfortunately the Station has not yet taken off. The Technical Equipment for the Station has not yet been procured and the staff for running the station have not yet been recruited. This is a very sorry state of affairs particularly in the matter related to a backward district.

Hence, I request the Hon'ble Minister for Information and Broadcasting to kindly look into the matter and ensure that the RM Radio Station starts functioning in Srikakulam District at the earliest.