Title: Need to improve AM radio frequency at par with FM radio.

SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI KHADSE (RAVER): As FM radio is gaining popularity in the recent days and also most of the electronic appliances are provided with the facility of FM radio, it has become an easy and affordable means of entertainment. The FM radio is largely heard by new generation. However, the senior citizen is not able to utilize it. On the other hand, AM radio is very popular with lower class, villagers, specially farmers and the house makers who while performing or carrying out the household chores or agricultural works listen to AM radio. The senior citizens especially women who do not have access to the electronic appliances such as PC, Laptop, Mobiles, PD, I-pod etc, are even at this juncture using old transistors and listen to the programme broadcast mostly in the local language on AM radio band. Also, all the programmes relayed from Akashwani Kendra are through AM band of radio where very useful tips on health and health related topics and information on almost every aspect needed for society such as agriculture, business etc. is broadcast in the local language. I request Hon'ble Minister to either update the AM (Amplitude Modulation) electronic waves relay to be compatible to match FM (Frequency Modulation) band width or porgrammes in local language by all Akashwani Kendra be broadcast with FM bandwidth. This will also facilitate dissemination of information on Government's programmes/schemes without much efforts and with negligible expenditure.