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Title: Need to commission the All India Radio Station at Tezpur in Assam.

SHRI MADHAB RAJBANSHI (MANGALDAI): In 1972, the then Prime Minister had announced that there would be a station of All India Radio at Tezpur, the principal town of North Bank Districts of Brahmaputra Valley. The sanction was renewed and work was started at Tezpur. The Transmission Tower for a medium wave AIR Station was completed eight years ago. It took some time to identify the site for the studio. The studio premises, staff quarters, water supply and power installation have also been completed. Some new and some used electrical and studio equipment have also been installed with all fittings and fixtures.

The insurgent activities of the Ultras are spreading into newer areas of North Assam and they are equipped with their own wireless apparatus. In order to contain their unlawful activities, an official broadcasting system is a must without delay. For the benefit of the rural people, who are tribals and adivasis in mid-Central Assam districts of the valley as far into Western Arunachal, Bhutan Kingdom and over a hundred tea plantations and many other forest habitats, the AIR, Tezpur should go into the air as soon as possible.