

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.*12
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.06.2019)**

FM CHANNELS IN THE COUNTRY

***12 SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV :**

SHRI H. VASANTHAKUMAR :

Will the Minister of **INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of FM radio stations operational in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has taken any steps/proposes to take any steps to set up FM radio facility in the district headquarters including Buldhana under Buldhana Parliamentary Constituency in Maharashtra and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is earning revenue from FM radio stations and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (d) the average estimated cost of setting up a FM radio station;
- (e) whether the Government has sanctioned new FM radio channels for farmers and fisherman and if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (f) the population norms fixed for setting up of new FM channels?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE AND
MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING
(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)**

(a) to (f) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *12 FOR ANSWER ON 21.06.2019

(a) to (f) Prasar Bharati has informed that as on date AIR has 458 FM broadcasting stations. State-wise details is given at **Annexure-I**. A 100 W FM transmitter has also been commissioned by AIR at Buldhana on 15.02.2013. The average cost for setting up of a 10kW FM transmitter with 100-meter tower and multi-purpose studio is about Rs 15 crore. AIR has not set up FM channels exclusively for farmers and fishermen. However, special programmes have been made for broadcast to farmers and fishermen on FM Channels. AIR has the mandate to provide coverage at every nook & corner of the country.

As far as private FM radio is concerned, at present 381 Private FM Radio channels are operational in 107 cities spread across 27 States and 3 UTs in the country. State-wise details is given at **Annexure-II**. The revenue earned from Private FM Radio stations, State-wise, is given at **Annexure-III**. Private FM Radio Phase-III Policy being city centric provides for setting up of FM radio stations in all cities having population above one lakh as per census 2001, unless it is getting covered from an adjacent city. Further, 11 cities in Border Areas of Jammu & Kashmir and North East States having population less than 1 lakh have also been approved for setting up FM radio stations.

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (f) OF
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State-wise list of 458 A.I.R. FM Broadcasting Stations

S. No.	State	No of Stations
1	A & N Island (UT)	1
2	Andhra Pradesh	14
3	Arunachal Pradesh	33
4	Assam	21
5	Bihar	14
6	Chandigarh (UT)	1
7	Chhattisgarh	13
8	Dadar & Nagar Haveli (UT)	1
9	Daman & Diu (UT)	2
10	Delhi	1
11	Goa	1
12	Gujarat	15
13	Haryana	5
14	Himanchal Pradesh	15
15	Jammu & Kashmir	20
16	Jharkhand	13
17	Karnataka	20
18	Kerala	12
19	Lakshadweep (UT)	1
20	Madhya Pradesh	25
21	Maharashtra	30
22	Manipur	8
23	Meghalaya	5
24	Mizoram	10
25	Nagaland	8
26	Odisha	19
27	Pondicherry (UT)	2
28	Punjab	8
29	Rajasthan	22
30	Sikkim	16
31	Tamil Nadu	15
32	Telangana	11
33	Tripura	16
34	Uttar Pradesh	25
35	Uttarakhand	20
36	West Bengal	15
Total		458

Annexure-II**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (f) OF THE LOK SABHA
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S. No.	STATE	NO. OF CHANNELS
1.	Andhra Pradesh	13
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1
3.	Assam	5
4.	Bihar	8
5.	Chandigarh (UT)	4
6.	Chhattisgarh	9
7.	Delhi (UT)	9
8.	Goa	2
9.	Gujarat	34
10.	Haryana	7
11.	Himachal Pradesh	3
12.	J&K	8
13.	Jharkhand	8
14.	Karnataka	17
15.	Kerala	20
16.	Madhya Pradesh	17
17.	Maharashtra	60
18.	Meghalaya	3
19.	Mizoram	3
20.	Odisha	8
21.	Puducherry (UT)	4
22.	Punjab	12
23.	Rajasthan	26
24.	Sikkim	2
25.	Tamil Nadu	30
26.	Telangana	11
27.	Tripura	2
28.	Uttar Pradesh	40
29.	Uttarakhand	1
30.	West Bengal	14
31.	Total	381

Annexure-III

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (f) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *12 FOR REPLY ON 21.06.2019		
Statement of Revenue received from Private FM Radio Broadcasters.		
S. No.	STATE	Total Revenue (in crores)
1	Total revenue received in Phase - I (1999-2005) (State wise details not available for this period.)	353.52
2	Andhra Pradesh	134.05
3	Arunachal Pradesh	0.35
4	Assam	11.25
5	Bihar	94.54
6	Chandigarh (UT)	118.21
7	Chhattisgarh	23.32
8	Daman (UT)	0.11
9	Delhi (UT)	857.06
10	Goa	12.95
11	Gujarat	347.26
12	Haryana	13.08
13	Himachal Pradesh	10.85
14	J&K	11.95
15	Jharkhand	19.08
16	Karnataka	540.25
17	Kerala	256.60
18	Madhya Pradesh	155.91
19	Maharashtra	1291.47
20	Meghalaya	3.04
21	Mizoram	0.52
22	Odisha	23.23
23	Puducherry (UT)	34.35
24	Punjab	77.79
25	Rajasthan	186.96
26	Sikkim	2.11
27	Tamil Nadu	517.17
28	Telangana	233.15
29	Tripura	1.17
30	Uttar Pradesh	328.58
31	West Bengal	173.24
	Total	5833.33