

are based on the number of pay channels and free-to-air (FTA) channels being transmitted or retransmitted for different categories of cities, towns and other habitations through the Cable Television Network. TRAI vide its Telecommunication (Broadcasting and Cable) Services (Third) (CAS Areas) Tariff Order, 2006 (6 of 2006) dated the 31st August, 2006 as amended from time to time, has prescribed a ceiling of Rs.5.35/- (excluding taxes) per pay channel per month for CAS notified areas of Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai. A ceiling of Rs.82/- (excluding taxes) for a minimum of 30 Free-to-Air (FTA) channels has also been prescribed for CAS notified areas.

(c) The Government has received the proposals from the State Government of Maharashtra seeking certain amendment in the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995. So far as proposal for fixing MRP per cable connection is concerned, it does not require any action at the moment in view of reply to part (a) & (b) above.

(d) The amendment of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 in the light of recommendations of the TRAI regarding restructuring of cable services received by the Government is under consideration of the Government. The proposals of the State Government will be taken into consideration while deciding the matter.

#### **Coverage of FM service**

1889. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of coverage of FM service in the country; and

(b) the details of the cities and towns not covered by FM service, so far, and the time taken to cover those places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (DR. S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN): (a) At present FM broadcasting service of All India Radio (AIR) is being provided from 172 transmitters. 24.68% area and 35.84% population of the country is covered by AIR FM broadcasting service. In addition, 248 FM radio stations are providing service through private operators under FM Phase-I and Phase-II Policy.

(b) There are 630 districts in the country. Out of these 240 districts are fully or partly getting the FM service of AIR. Thus balance 390 districts are not covered under AIR FM coverage now. The list of uncovered districts is given in the Statement (See below). Coverage of 126 more districts is included in the 11th Plan.

**Statement**

*List of uncovered districts by FM*

Sl. No.	State	No. of districts in the state	No. of districts presently Covered (fully/ partly) by FM	No. of districts to be covered by FM after completion of 11th Plan schemes	Name of district #uncovered by FM even after the completion of 11th plan schemes
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Andhra Pradesh	23	12	19	East Godavary (DHQ -Kakinada), West Godavary (DHQ - Eluru), Vijayanagaram, Medak (DHQ -Sangareddy)
2	Arunachal Pradesh	16	01	06	Anja (Hawai), East Kameng (Seppa), East Siang (Pasighat), Kurung Kumey, (Laying-Yangtse), Lower Dibang Valley (Roing), Upper Siang(Yingkiong), Lohit (Teju), Lower Subansiri (Zero). Tawang, West Siang (Along).
3	Assam	27	09	17	Barpeta, Bongaigaon, Karvi Anglong (DHQ- Diphu), Kokrajhar, Lakhimpur, Sibsagar, Tinsukiya, Udalgiri. Chirang, Baksa
4	Bihar	38	04	04	Araria, Arwal, Banka, Begusarai, Bhagalpur, Bhojpur, Buxar, Darbhanga, Purva Champaran (Motihari), Gaya, Gopalganj, Jumi, Jehanabad, Khagaria, Kishanganj, Kaimur (Bhabua), Katihar, Lakhisarai, Madhubani, Munger, Madhepura, Muzaffarpur, Nalanda

1	2	3	4	5	6
					(Bihar Sharif), Nawada, Saharsa, Samastipur, heohar, Shaikhpura, Saran(Chhapra), Sitamarhi, Supaul, Siwan, Vaishali(Hajipur), Pashchim Champaran (Bettiah).
5	Chhattisgarh	18	04	04	Bastar (Jagdalpur), Bijapur, Dantewada, Dhamtari, Durg, Jashpur, Janjgir-Champa (Nalia Janjgir), Korba, Korla, Kanker, Kawardha, Rajnandgaon, Narayanpur, Surguja (Ambikapur)
6	Delhi	09	09	09	Nil
7	Goa	02	02	02	Nil
8	Gujarat	25	05	07	Amreli, Anand, Banaskantha(Palanpur), Bharuch, Bhavnagar, Dahod, The Dangs (Ahwa), Gandhinagar, Jamnagar, Kheda, Mehsana, Narmada (Rajpipla), Navsari, Patan, Porbandar, Sabarkantha (Surendranagar), Surendranagar, Valsad
9	Haryana	21	17	17	Bhawani, Fatehabad, Panipat, Siraa
10	Himachal Pradesh	12	10	10	Lahaul Spiti (Keylong), Kinnaur (Reckong Peo)
11	Jammu and Kashmir	15	12	13	Anantnag, Kargil
12	Jharkhand	24	07	08	Bokaro, Chatra, Deoghar, Dumka, Giridih, Godda, Gumla, Koderma, Khunti, Jamtara, Lohardaga, Latehar, Pakur, Sahibganj, Ramgarh, Simdega
13	Karnataka	30	18	19	Belgaum, Bidar, Bagalkot, Chamarajnagar, Davanagere, Gadag, Haveri-Distt., Kolar, Mandya, Shimoga, Tumkur

1	2	3	4	5	6
14	Kerala	14	08	08	Alappuzha, Kollam, Kottayam, Palakkad, Pathanamthitta, Wayanad
15	Madhya Pradesh	50	17	20	Alirajpur, Anuppur, Ashok Nagar, Barwani, Bhind, Burhanpur, Damoh, Dewas, Dhar, Dindori, Harda, Hoshangabad, Jhbu, Katni, Khargone, Mandsaur, Narsinghpur, Neemuch, Panna, Rewa, Ratlam, Raisen, Satna, Sehore, Seoni, Shajapur, Sheopur, Sidhi, Singrauli, Vidisha
16	Maharashtra	35	20	26	Bhandara, Buldhana, Hingoli, Jalna, Latur, Nandurbar, Raigarh, Thane, Washim
17	Manipur	09	07	09	Nil
18	Meghalaya	07	04	05	South Garo Hills (Baghmara), West Khasi Hills (Nongstoin)
19	Mizoram	08	03	06	Lawngtlai, Serchhip
20	Nagaland	11	04	07	Kephrie, Longleng, Mon, Peren
21	Orissa	30	07	15	Angul, Boudh, Bharak, Bargarh (Balasore), Dhenkanal, Gajapati, Jajpur, Kandhmal, Kendrapada, Malkangiri, Nabrangpur, Nuapada, Nayagarh, Rayagada, Sundargarh
22	Puducherry	04	04	04	Nil
23	Punjab	20	03	14	Barnala, Firojpur, Ludhiyana, Moga, SAS Nagar, Tarantaran
24	Rajasthan	32	14	18	Bharatpur, Baran, Bundi, Bhilwara, Dausa, Dholpur, Dungarpur, Ganganagar, Hanumangar, Juhnjhunun, Karauli, Pali, Sikar, Tonk

1	2	3	4	5	6
25	Sikkim	04	0	04	Nil
26	Tamil Nadu	32	08	23	Ariyalur, Kanchipuram, Perambalur, Pudukkottai, Ramanathapuram, Thiruvavur, Tiruvannamalai, 02 New Distt.
27	Tripura	04	03	04	Nil
28	Uttarakhand	13	03	09	Chamoli (Gopeshwar), Pithoragarh, Rudraprayag, Uttarkashi
29	Uttar Pradesh	71	15	44	Ambedkar Nagar, Auraiya, Bahraich Bulandshahar, Chandauli, Chitrakoot, Etah, Kanshiram Nagar, Etawah, Farukhabad, Hamirpur, Hardoi, Jalaun, Jyotiba Phule Nagar, Jaunpur district (Jaunpur), Kanpur Dehat (Akbarpur), Kannauj, Kushinagar, Lalitpur, Mahoba, Mirzapur, Moradabad, Mainpuri, Mathura, Shahjahanpur, Sant Ravidas Nagar, Shravasti
30	West Bengal	18	07	12	Birbhum, Bankura, Malda, Midnapur, Nadia, Purulia
31	Chandigarh (UT)	01	01	01	Nil
32	A&N Islands	03	01	01	Great Nicobar, Little Andman
33	L&M Islands	01	00	0	Kavaratti
34	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	01	00	00	Silvasa
35	Daman & Diu	02	01	01	Diu

Total Distt = 630

# The districts having less than 50% coverage area or without any FM transmitter having power at least 1 kW have been shown as uncovered districts.