

suspended from empanelment for a period upto 12 months, if the newspaper is found by the Press Council of India to be indulging in unethical practices and anti-national activities.

Short Wave broadcasting stations

†2845. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BAL APTE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of Short Wave broadcasting stations in the country and the details of such stations established in each year of the last three years and current year, State-wise;
- (b) the name of such stations which are more than three years old, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government proposes to increase their broadcasting capacity;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (DR. S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN): (a) At present, 28 Short Wave Broadcasting Centres of All India Radio are functioning in the country. No new SW Centres/stations have been setup during the last three years and the current year. The State-wise details of the existing AIR SW stations are given in Statement (See below).

- (b) All the 28 SW AIR Centers are more than 3 years old.
- (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) The following Transmitters are being digitalized during Eleventh Plan:—

Sl. No.	Station	Power	Nos.	Remarks
1.	Delhi	100 KW	2	Replacement by same power digital (DRM) transmitter
2.	Aligarh	250 KW	2	
3.	Bangalore	500 KW	1	
4.	Delhi	250 KW	2	Conversion to digital mode.
5.	Aligarh	250 KW	2	

- (e) Does not arise.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

List of SW Broadcasting Centres

Sl. No.	Stations	States	Nos. of SW Tx.	Power	Remark
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Hyderabad	Andhra Pradesh	1	50 KW	
2.	Itanagar	Arunachal Pradesh	1	50 KW	
3.	Guwahati	Assam	2	50 KW 50 KW	
4.	Delhi	Delhi	15	50 KW (6 nos.) 100 KW (2 nos.) 250 KW (7 nos.)	
5.	Panaji	Goa	2	250 KW 250 KW	
6.	Shimla	Himachal Pradesh	1	50 KW	
7.	Jammu	Jammu and Kashmir	1	50 KW	This is an old transmitter shifted from Kingsway Camp, Delhi.
8.	Leh	Jammu and Kashmir	1	10 KW	
9.	Srinagar	Jammu and Kashmir	1	50 KW	
10.	Ranchi	Jharkhand	1	50 KW	
11.	Bangalore	Karnataka	6	500 KW (6 nos.)	
12.	Thruvananthapuram	Kerala	1	50 KW	
13.	Bhopal	Madhya Pradesh	1	50 KW	
14.	Mumbai	Maharashtra	2	100 KW 50 KW	
15.	Imphal	Manipur	1	50 KW	
16.	Shillong	Meghalaya	1	50 KW	
17.	Aizawal	Mizoram	1	10 KW	
18.	Kohima	Nagaland	1	50 KW	

1	2	3	4	5	6
19.	Jeypore	Orissa	1	50 KW	
20.	Jaipur	Rajasthan	1	50 KW	
21.	Gangtok	Sikkim	1	10 KW	
22.	Chennai	Tamil Nadu	2	50 KW 100 KW	
23.	Port Blair	Union Territories (Andaman and Nicobar Islands)	1	10 KW	
24.	Aligarh	Uttar Pradesh	4	250 KW (4 nos.)	
25.	Gorakhpur	Uttar Pradesh	1	50 KW	
26.	Lucknow	Uttar Pradesh	1	50 KW	
27.	Kolkata	West Bengal	1	50 KW	
28.	Kurseong	West Bengal	1	50 KW	
TOTAL TRANSMITTERS:			54 nos.		

MoU with Afghanistan

2846. SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India and Afghanistan have signed any MoU to strengthen the information and broadcasting sectors;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard alongwith the focused areas of both the countries before finalisation of the MoU;
- (c) whether the media policies and strategies of both the countries are different;
- (d) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (e) the extent to which the leaders of both the countries have considered this aspect before signing the MoU?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI CHOUDHURY MOHAN JATUA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Afghan Ministry of Information and Culture and the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India at New Delhi, India on 24.05.2011. The details of the signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and the salient features are given in Statement.