

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (DR. S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. During the Eleventh Five Year Plan, FM transmitters of various capacities are being installed by All India Radio at 278 places throughout the country. So far as Private FM is concerned, a new policy of expansion of FM broadcasting through Private Agencies (Phase-III) has been approved by the Government on 07.07.2011. The policy extends FM radio services to 227 new cities, in addition to the existing 86 cities. In all 839 new FM radio channels will become available under Phase-III in addition to the existing 245 channels.

(c) to (e) Yes, Sir. The scheme of setting up of 10 KW FM transmitter with limited studio facility at Darjeeling was approved under Tenth Plan and is continuing under Eleventh Plan at a capital cost of Rs. 445 lacs.

Community Radio Stations

2843. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of community FM Radio Stations presently functional;
- (b) the details of licensees, State-wise;
- (c) the number of applications pending for community Radio Stations; and
- (d) when those applications were received, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (DR. S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN): (a) 113 Community Radio Stations are presently functional.

(b) This Ministry grants permission to set up Community Radio Stations and sign Grant of Permission Agreements (GOPA) with applicant Institutions/NGOs/SAUs and Krishi Vigyan Kendras. So far Ministry has signed 149 GOPA. State-wise detail of GOPA signed is available on Ministry's website www.mib.gov.in.

(c) 269 applications are pending for grant of permission to set up community radio station.

(d) State-wise list of applications received is available on Ministry's website www.mib.gov.in.

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†2844. SHRI RAM PRAKASH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

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