

(c) No views are expressed by the Press Council of India on the recommendation of Sectoral Innovation Council (SInC) pertaining to comprehensive media policy. However, Press Council of India is of the view that there is need to bring the electronic media (both broadcast and social media) within the purview of the Press Council Act.

FM radio in rural areas

2379. SHRI T.M. SELVAGANAPATHI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that, in a move to bring FM Radio in rural areas, Government would consider allowing small towns with population of about 1 lakh to have FM stations with a limited footprint;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that cost of frequency for these non-news channels would be just Rs. 50 lakh; and

(d) if, so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI CHOUDHURY MOHAN JATUA): (a) and (b) The Government through an order dated 25.07.2011, has issued the "Policy Guidelines on Expansion of FM radio broadcasting services through private agencies (Phase-III)" which is intended to cover all cities with a population of above one lakh. However, 11 cities in border areas of Jammu & Kashmir and North East States even though they are having a population of less than 1 lakh have also been included in the list of cities for strategic reasons and to counter cross border propaganda. Details are given in Statement (*See below*).

Presently, All India Radio (AIR) FM service is provided from 223 places across the country and its terrestrial coverage in FM mode is 29.18% by area and 41.43% by population, which includes population living in rural areas as well. In order to further augment the FM terrestrial coverage in rural areas, low power FM Transmitters (100 Watt) with a limited footprint are being installed at 186 small towns in the country.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Statement*Details of cities covered under FM Radio***Category "D"**

Sl. No.	Name of City	State	Channels available for Phase III
1	2	3	4
1	Abohar	Punjab	3
2	Achalpur	Maharashtra	3
3	Adilabad	Andhra Pradesh	3
4	Adoni	Andhra Pradesh	3
5	Agartala	Tripura	2
6	Aizwal	Mizoram	2
7	Alipurduar	West Bengal	3
8	Alwal	Andhra Pradesh	3
9	Alwar	Rajasthan	3
10	Ambala	Haryana	3
11	Anantpur	Andhra Pradesh	3
12	Arrah	Bihar	3
13	Azamgarh	Uttar Pradesh	3
14	Baharampur	West Bengal	3
15	Bahraich	Uttar Pradesh	3
16	Baleshwar	Orissa	3
17	Ballia	Uttar Pradesh	3
18	Balurghat	West Bengal	3

1	2	3	4
19	Bands	Uttar Pradesh	3
20	Bangaon	West Bengal	3
21	Bankura	West Bengal	3
22	Barddhaman	West Bengal	3
23	Baripada	Orissa	3
24	Barshi	Maharashtra	3
25	Basti	Uttar Pradesh	3
26	Beawar	Rajasthan	3
27	Begusarai	Bihar	3
28	Bettiah	Bihar	3
29	Bhadurgarh	Haryana	3
30	Bharatpur	Rajasthan	3
31	Bharuch	Gujarat	3
32	Bhatinda	Punjab	3
33	Bheemavaram	Andhra Pradesh	3
34	Bhilwara	Rajasthan	3
35	Bhiwani	Haryana	3
36	Bidar	Karnataka	3
37	Bihar Shareef	Bihar	3
38	Bijapur	Karnataka	3
39	Bokaro Steel City	Jharkhand	3
40	Botad	Gujarat	3
41	Brahmapur	Orissa	3

1	2	3	4
42	Budaun	Uttar Pradesh	3
43	Burhanapur	Madhya Pradesh	3
44	Chapra	Bihar	3
45	Chhattarpur	Madhya Pradesh	3
46	Chhindwara	Madhya Pradesh	3
47	Chikmagalur	Karnataka	3
48	Chirala	Andhra Pradesh	3
49	Chitradurga	Karnataka	3
50	Chittoor	Andhra Pradesh	3
51	Churu	Rajasthan	3
52	Coonoor	Tamil Nadu	3
53	Cuddapah	Andhra Pradesh	3
54	Daman	Daman & Diu	3
55	Damoh	Madhya Pradesh	3
56	Darbhanga	Bihar	3
57	Darjiling	West Bengal	3
58	Deoghar	Jharkhand	3
59	Deoria	Uttar Pradesh	3
60	Dharamavaram	Andhra Pradesh	3
61	Dibrugarh	Assam	3
62	Dimapur	Nagaland	3
63	Dingdiguil	Tamil Nadu	3
64	Dohad	Gujarat	3

1	2	3	4
65	Durg-Bhillainagar	Chhattisgarh	3
66	Eluru	Andhra Pradesh	3
67	English Bazar (Maldah)	West Bengal	3
68	Etah	Uttar Pradesh	3
69	Etawah	Uttar Pradesh	3
70	Faizabad/Ayodhya	Uttar Pradesh	3
71	Farrukhabad-cum-Fatehgarh	Uttar Pradesh	3
72	Fatehpur	Uttar Pradesh	3
73	Gadag Betigeri	Karnataka	3
74	Ganganagar	Rajasthan	3
75	Ghazipur	Uttar Pradesh	3
76	Giridih	Jharkhand	3
77	Godhra	Gujarat	3
78	Gonda	Uttar Pradesh	3
79	Gondiya	Maharashtra	3
80	Guna	Madhya Pradesh	3
81	Guntakal	Andhra Pradesh	3
82	Haldwani-cum-Kathgodam	Uttaranchal	3
83	Hanumangarh	Rajasthan	3
84	Hardoi	Uttar Pradesh	3
85	Hardwar	Uttaranchal	3
86	Hassan	Karnataka	3
87	Hazaribag	Jharkhand	3

1	2	3	4
88	Hindupur	Andhra Pradesh	3
89	Hissar	Haryana	1
90	Hoshiarpur	Punjab	3
91	Hospet	Karnataka	3
92	Imphal	Manipur	3
93	Itanagar	Arunachal Pradesh	2
94	Itarsi	Madhya Pradesh	3
95	Jagdalpur	Chhattisgarh	3
96	Jaunpur	Uttar Pradesh	3
97	Jetpur Navagadh	Gujarat	3
98	Jhunjhunun	Rajasthan	3
99	Jind	Haryana	3
100	Jorhat	Assam	3
101	Junagadh	Gujarat	3
102	Kaithal	Haryana	3
103	Kanhangad (Kasargod)	Kerala	3
104	Karaikkudi	Tamil Nadu	3
105	Karimnagar	Andhra Pradesh	3
106	Karnal	Haryana	1
107	Karur	Tamil Nadu	3
108	Kavaralli	Lakshadweep	3
109	Khammam	Andhra Pradesh	3
110	Khandwa	Madhya Pradesh	3

1	2	3	4
111	Kharagpur	West Bengal	3
112	Khargone	Madhya Pradesh	3
113	Kohima	Nagaland	3
114	Kolar	Karnataka	3
115	Korba	Chhattisgarh	3
116	Kothagudem	Andhra Pradesh	3
117	Krishnanagar	West Bengal	3
118	Lakhimpur	Uttar Pradesh	3
119	Lalitpur	Uttar Pradesh	3
120	Latur	Maharashtra	3
121	Machillpatnam	Andhra Pradesh	3
122	Madanapalle	Andhra Pradesh	3
123	Mahbubnagar	Andhra Pradesh	3
124	Mahesana	Gujarat	3
125	Mainpuri	Uttar Pradesh	3
126	Mancherial	Andhra Pradesh	3
127	Mandsaur	Madhya Pradesh	3
128	Mathura	Uttar Pradesh	3
129	Maunath Bhajan (Distt. Mau)	Uttar Pradesh	3
130	Mirzapur-cum-Vindhyachal	Uttar Pradesh	3
131	Moga	Punjab	3
132	Motihari	Bihar	3
133	Munger	Bihar	3

1	2	3	4
134	Murwara (Katni)	Madhya Pradesh	3
135	Nagaon (Nowgang)	Assam	3
136	Nagarcoil/Kanyakumari	Tamil Nadu	3
137	Nalgonda	Andhra Pradesh	3
138	Nandyal	Andhra Pradesh	3
139	Neemuch	Madhya Pradesh	3
140	Neyveli	Tamil Nadu	3
141	Nizamabad	Andhra Pradesh	3
142	Ongole	Andhra Pradesh	3
143	Orai	Uttar Pradesh	3
144	Palakkad	Kerala	3
145	Palanpur	Gujarat	3
146	Pali	Rajasthan	3
147	Panipat	Haryana	3
148	Patan	Gujarat	3
149	Pathankot	Punjab	3
150	Porbandar	Gujarat	3
151	Portblair	Andman and Nicobar	3
152	Proddatur	Andhra Pradesh	3
153	Pudukkottai	Tamil Nadu	3
154	Puri	Orissa	3
155	Purnia	Bihar	3
156	Puruliya	West Bengal	3

1	2	3	4
157	Rae Bareilly	Uttar Pradesh	3
158	Raichur	Karnataka	3
159	Rajapalayam	Tamil Nadu	3
160	Rajgarh	Chhattisgarh	3
161	Ramagundam	Andhra Pradesh	3
162	Raiganj	West Bengal	3
163	Ratlam	Madhya Pradesh	3
164	Rewa	Madhya Pradesh	3
165	Rewari	Haryana	3
166	Rohtak	Haryana	3
167	Saharsa	Bihar	3
168	Sambalpur	Orissa	3
169	Sasaram	Bihar	3
170	Satna	Madhya Pradesh	3
171	Sawai Madhopur	Rajasthan	3
172	Shilong	Meghalaya	1
173	Shimoga	Karnataka	3
174	Shivpuri	Madhya Pradesh	3
175	Sikar	Rajasthan	3
176	Silchar	Assam	3
177	Singrauli	Madhya Pradesh	3
178	Sirsa	Haryana	3
179	Sitapur	Uttar Pradesh	3

1	2	3	4
180	Siwan	Bihar	3
181	Sultanpur	Uttar Pradesh	3
182	Surendranagar Dudhrej	Gujarat	3
183	Thanesar	Haryana	3
184	Thanjavur	Tamil Nadu	3
185	Tinsukia	Assam	3
186	Tiruvannamalai	Tamil Nadu	3
187	Tonk	Rajasthan	3
188	Tumkur	Karnataka	3
189	Udupi	Karnataka	3
190	Vaniyambadi	Tamil Nadu	3
191	Veraval	Gujarat	3
192	Vidisha	Madhya Pradesh	3
193	Vizianagaram	Andhra Pradesh	3
194	Wadhwan (Surendernagar)	Gujarat	3
195	Wardha	Maharashtra	3
196	Yavatmal	Maharashtra	3
TOTAL			579

Cities in Border Areas of J&K and NE States

Sl. No.	Name of the City	State	Channels available for Phase III
1	2	3	4
1	Kargil	J&K	3
2	Leh	J&K	3

1	2	3	4
3	Katua	J&K	3
4	Poonch	J&K	3
5	Bhaderwah	J&K	3
6	Dubhari	Assam	3
7	Haflong	Assam	3
8	Jowai	Meghalaya	3
9	Lung-iei	Mizoram	3
10	Mokukchung	Nagaland	3
11	Belonia	Tripura	3
TOTAL			33

FM stations in operation

2380. SHRI RANGASAYEE RAMAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of FM stations in operation, so far;
- (b) the details of those FM stations among them which cater exclusively or substantially to the broadcasting of Indian classical music – both Hindustani and Carnatic; and
- (c) the details of steps under consideration for promotion of broadcasting facilities in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI CHOUDHURY MOHAN JATUA): (a) At Present, 242 private FM stations are operational in the country under existing Phase-I and Phase-II Policy guidelines relating to expansion of FM radio broadcasting services through private agencies. Details are given in Statement-I (*See below*).

In addition, All India Radio (AIR)'s FM Stations are functional at 223 places in the country. Details are given in Statement-II (*See below*).

- (b) There is only one FM station of AIR, viz. Bangalore, which broadcasts "Amritavarshini" channel exclusively for Indian Music *i.e.* Hindustani & Carnatic Music.