

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (COL. RAJYAVARDHAN SINGH RATHORE): (a) As per clause 15.1 of Policy Guidelines on Expansion of FM Radio broadcasting services through private agencies Phase-III, a permission holder has to ensure that at least 20% of the total broadcast in a day (reckoned from 0000 hrs. to 2400 hrs.), is in the local language of that city and promotes local content. This may include the Radio jockeys speaking in local language(s)/dialect(s) or programmes focused on local culture/tradition/folk music etc. or other permissible programmes/advertisements in the local language(s)/dialect(s).

(b) No, Sir.

### **Movie ratings through CBFC**

1261. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) is set to explain movie ratings; and

(b) if so, the details worked out so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (COL. RAJYAVARDHAN SINGH RATHORE): (a) and (b) Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) certifies films for public exhibition in accordance with Cinematograph Act, 1952 and Cinematograph (Certification) Rules, 1983. The existing Section 5 (A) of the cinematograph Act prescribes categories of certification of Films namely 'U', 'UA', 'A' or 'S' duly explaining the suitability for viewing by different age groups. In order to recommend broad guidelines/procedures to set the principles which shall guide the CBFC with respect to certification of film, a Committee of Experts headed by Shri Shyam Benegal was constituted in January, 2016. The Committee submitted its first report in April, 2016 and final report in June, 2016.

### **Broadcasting capacity of radio stations in Uttarakhand**

†1262. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that owing to low broadcasting capacity of Radio stations in Uttarakhand, the broadcast made therefrom is audible to a limited distance;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry proposes to enhance the broadcasting capacity of radio stations in Uttarakhand;

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) if so, the radio stations selected for enhancement of broadcasting capacity during the current financial year; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and by when the capacity would be upgraded?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (COL. RAJYAVARDHAN SINGH RATHORE): (a) to (d) Prasar Bharati has informed that All India Radio (AIR) Programmes are broadcast from 20 AIR centres located in Uttarakhand. Being a hilly State, establishing High Power MW/FM Transmitters is not fruitful as FM wave travels in straight way and MW wave is badly affected by rocky hills. Therefore, low power Medium Wave and FM Stations were set up at Almora, Pauri, Pithoragarh, Gopeshwar (Chamoli), Uttarkashi, Gairsen, New Tehri and Bageshwar. It is also stated that 100 W FM transmitter at Becher, Bhatwari, Gopeshwar, Kalagarh, Kashipur, Khetikhan, Nainital, Pauri, Pithoragarh, Pratap Nagar, Rajgarhi, Ranikhet, Tanakpur and Ukhimath were set up for localized coverage. A 10 kW FM transmitter functioning from Mussoorie is providing coverage to Dehradun, Roorkee and other plain areas of Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh due to line of sight propagation. The installed coverage capacity of AIR MW/FM transmitters setups in Uttarakhand is about 58% area of the States. As on date, almost all the transmitters are working satisfactorily and operating on full power except 1 kW MW transmitter at Gopeshwar and Uttarkashi (which are presently working at half power) and 100 W FM transmitter at Bhatwari, which is presently under breakdown.

Apart from the above, 23 channels of All India Radio available on Doordarshan's DTH platform (DD Free Dish) can be received through set top box and 13 popular channels can also be received through internet by browsing AIR's website (*allindiaradio.gov.in*) and by downloading suitable apps on IOS/Android/Windows based mobile phones.

An additional 10 kW FM transmitter has been installed at Mussoorie for airing the programme of upcoming AIR Station at Dehradun. In addition to this, Prasar Bharati has schemes for setting up of 10 kW FM transmitter at Haldwani, 5 and 1 kW FM transmitter at Almora and 1 kW FM transmitter at Champawat.

#### **Relaunching of DD India as International TV Channel**

1263. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has been made on re-launching DD India as an International TV channel on the lines for the BBC World, as announced by Government last year;

(b) the funds allocated and spent for this so far;