GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.555
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.12.2021

FM RADIO STATIONS IN COUNTRY

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Will the Minister of **INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING** be pleased to state:

(a)   the FM Radio stations operational in the country, State-wise details thereof;

(b)   whether Government has taken any steps/proposes to take any steps to set up FM radio facility in the district headquarters including Belgaum under Belgaum Parliamentary Constituency in Karnataka and if so, the details thereof;

(c)   whether Government is earning revenue from FM radio stations and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(d)   the average estimated cost of setting up a FM radio station; and

(e)   whether Government has sanctioned new FM radio channels for farmers and fishermen and if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING; AND MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)
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(a)   Presently, 384 Private FM Radio channels are operational in 112 cities, spread across 26 States and 5 Union Territories. In addition, Prasar Bharati is having 523 FM transmitters located at 483 All India Radio (AIR) stations across the country. The state-wise details of AIR and private FM stations are at Annexure-I.

(b)   The Policy Guidelines on Expansion of FM radio broadcasting service through private agencies (Phase-III) provides for setting up of FM radio stations by Indian companies on city centric basis. Under FM Radio Phase-III, 4 channels have been approved for Belgaum, Karnataka. Prasar Bharati has approved setting up 4 nos. of 100 Watts FM transmitters in Karnataka.

(c)   The details of revenue earned by Government through Private FM Radio stations in the form of annual fee, state-wise, are at Annexure II.

(d)   Prasar Bharati is having AIR FM transmitters in the range of 100 Watts to 20 kW power. The average estimated cost of a typical 10 kW FM Station with 100 meter high tower is Rs. 15.00 crore.

(e)   Prasar Bharati is not having dedicated FM radio channels for farmers and fishermen. However, AIR stations broadcast programmes to cater to the needs of farmers and fishermen from time to time on their channels.

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ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.555 FOR REPLY ON 02.12.2021			
Sr. Nos	**States**	**No. of AIR FM centres**	**No. of Private FM Radio stations**
1	Andhra Pradesh	14	13
2	Arunachal Pradesh	39	2
3	Assam	22	6
4.	Bihar	15	8
5	Chhattisgarh	13	8
6	Goa	1	2
7	Gujarat	16	34
8	Haryana	5	7
9	Himachal Pradesh	16	3
10	Jharkhand	14	8
11	Karnataka	20	17
12	Kerala	12	20
13	Madhya Pradesh	25	17
14	Maharashtra	30	60
15	Manipur	9	0
16	Meghalaya	5	3
17	Mizoram	13	3
18	Nagaland	8	0
19	Odisha	21	6
20	Punjab	8	12
21	Rajasthan	23	26
22	Sikkim	16	2
23	Tamilnadu	15	29
24	Telangna	11	11
25	Tripura	17	2
26	Uttar Pradesh	28	40
27	Uttarakhand	21	1
28	West Bengal	16	13
Union Territories			
29	A & N Islands	1	0
30	Delhi	1	9
31	Chandigarh	1	4
32	Dadra, Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu	3	0
33	L&M Island	1	0
34	Pudducherry	2	4
35	Jammu & Kashmir	15	13
36	Ladakh	6	1
	Total	**483**	**384**

S No	Name of State/UT	Revenue from Private FM Radio Stations for FY 21-22 up to 25.11 2021 (Rs. in lakh)
	ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF THE RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.555 FOR REPLY ON 02.12.2021	
1	Andhra Pradesh	83.13
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0.41
3	Assam	15.94
4	Bihar	109.06
5	Chhattisgarh	32.12
6	Goa	7.91
7	Gujarat	573.93
8	Haryana	14.5
9	Himachal Pradesh	2.26
10	Jharkhand	24.14
11	Karnataka	1276.87
12	Kerala	255.36
13	Madhya Pradesh	80.04
14	Maharashtra	2549.51
15	Meghalaya	1.87
16	Mizoram	0.62
17	Odisha	47.34
18	Punjab	54.3
19	Rajasthan	395.3
20	Sikkim	1.8
21	Tamil Nadu	711.73
22	Telangana	187.38
23	Tripura	1.2
24	Uttar Pradesh	304.68
25	Uttarakhand	29.27
26	West Bengal	73.32
27	Chandigarh (UT)	124.53
28	Delhi (UT)	2432.09
29	Jammu & Kashmir (UT)	20.38
30	Puducherry (UT)	23.22
	GRAND TOTAL	9434.22

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