

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING**

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2481  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.08.2023)**

**FM CHANNELS**

**2481. DR. JOHN BRITTAS:**

Will the Minister of **Information and Broadcasting** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether all Akashvani FM Stations were decided to be shut down by merging with AM stations;
- (b) if not, details of FM stations decided to be shut down;
- (c) reasons for shutting down Ananthapuri FM and Real FM in Kerala by merging with Akashvani AM stations;
- (d) details of casual staffs and artistes who will be rendered jobless by merger;
- (e) whether Government will review its decision considering the fervent appeals to retain these FMs in Kerala;
- (f) whether Government took note of complaints regarding the attempts to replace native language slots in regional FM channels with content in Hindi; and
- (g) if so, the response thereto?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING; AND MINISTER OF  
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS**

**(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)**

(a): No Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): Ananthapuri FM and Real FM in Kerala have not been shut down. Only the content of the FM Channels have been revamped to align with the changing requirements of the listeners.

(d): The casual staffs at each station are given assignments as per the requirement of programme production.

(e): Does not arise.

(f) & (g): The quantity and quality of all regional languages is maintained in the programmes originated from each Primary Channel.

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