

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

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 87  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.07.2023)**

**UPGRADING ALL INDIA RADIO NETWORK ON THE LINES OF FM**

**87. SHRI SATISH CHANDRA DUBEY:**

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

- (a) whether Government is working on any plan to use the All India Radio network by upgrading it on the lines of FM;
- (b) if so, the work done so far and the number of States where the All India Radio Network FM has been set up, with particular details of the number of districts of Bihar which have been connected to it; and
- (c) the benefits thereof along with the amount spent on this project?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING; AND MINISTER OF  
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS  
(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)**

(a) to (c) The upgradation of Akashvani network is a continuous process. On 04.01.2023, the Government has approved the continuation of Central Sector Scheme, Broadcasting Infrastructure and Network Development (BIND) for the period 2021-22 to 2025-26 with an outlay of Rs. 2539.61 crore. This includes an outlay of Rs. 425.58 crore for installation of FM transmitters. Under the scheme, it has been envisaged to install FM transmitters of various capacities at 41 locations in 14 States and 1 Union Territory including installation of 4 FM transmitters at Darbhanga, Gopalganj, Saharsa and Katihar districts of Bihar. The benefits accruing out of the upgradation of Akashvani network in Bihar depend upon the coverage of area/population, capacity and location of the FM transmitters.

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