

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1530
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.07.2026)

**PROMOTION OF COMMUNITY RADIO AND MODERNIZATION OF
BROADCASTING INFRASTRUCTURE OF AIR IN TRIPURA:**

1530 SHRI RAJIB BHATTACHARJEE:

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

- a) Whether Government has taken any steps to expand community radio stations in Tripura and the number of community radio stations presently operational in the State;
- b) The details of the financial and technical assistance provided to community radio stations in the rural, tribal and international border areas of Tripura during the last five years;
- c) Whether Government has taken any steps to modernise the broadcasting infrastructure of Akashvani (All India Radio) in Tripura; and
- d) If so, the details of the funds allocated, the works undertaken, and the steps taken to promote broadcasting in local languages, tribal dialects and regional content?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND
PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS**

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(a) to (d):

Community Radio Stations are supported under "Supporting Community Radio Movement in India", a Central Sector Scheme. The objectives of the scheme are to strengthen new and existing Community Radio Stations (CRSs) with resources, capacity and technology. The key components of the scheme include providing financial assistance to new and existing CRSs for procurement or replacement of equipment and, capacity building and training of community radio operators.

To create awareness and promote knowledge sharing, the Ministry organises workshops, seminars, and regional/national Sammelans across the country under the scheme. One such awareness workshop was organized in the state of Tripura on 29-30th August 2024, to create awareness among the eligible organization for establishing CRS. About 40 participants from various parts of the North Eastern Regions attended the workshop.

At present there is one Community Radio Station commissioned in west Tripura district, that received financial assistance of Rs. 7.5 lakhs for infrastructure support in the financial year 2019-20.

Broadcasting Infrastructure and Network Development (BIND) scheme is a Central Sector Scheme approved by the Government for development, modernization and upgradation of broadcasting infrastructure of Doordarshan and Akashvani across the country. BIND scheme has been approved with a total outlay of ₹2539.61 crore for 2021-26. The scheme has been extended upto 31.03.2027.

The scheme includes setting up and modernization of transmitters and studios of Akashvani, and the Govt. has taken the following projects at a total cost of ₹ 6.96 Cr for modernization of AIR Tripura:

- Upgradation of Satcom (Earth Station), Agartala
- Upgradation of 5/6 KW FM to 10 kW FM at Kailashahar & Longthrai.
- Replacement of STL (Studio to Transmitter Link), Agartala.
- 10 kW FM transmitter for FM channel, Agartala
- Visual Radio System, Agartala

Akashvani is mandated to broadcast the Programmes and Regional News in the respective regional languages of the States & UTs through the stations located in that region. Accordingly, Akashvani broadcasts programs in 23 languages and 182 dialects, promoting broadcasting in local languages, in tribal dialects and regional content, including the state of Tripura.
