

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4599
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.12.2016**

AUCTION OF FM RADIO CHANNELS.

4599. SHRI KANWAR SINGH TANWAR:

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

- (a) whether there was any proposal to auction FM radio channels in 264 cities in the recent past and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of cities where such auctions including Uttar Pradesh were undertaken; and
- (c) The details of revenue collection expected and the actual total revenue collected from these auctions?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING,
{COL RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (Retd.)}**

- (a) FM Phase-III Policy on expansion of FM Radio broadcasting service through private sector (Phase-III) notified on 25.07.2011 extends FM Radio services to 227 new cities, in addition to the 67 cities where complete auction could not be done in Phase-II.
- (b) The first batch of auction under Phase-III for 135 channels in 69 cities was conducted from 27 July to 9 September, 2015. A list of these 69 cities is given as **Annexure-I**. Nine cities of Uttar Pradesh namely Kanpur, Lucknow, Agra, Allahabad, Varanasi, Aligarh, Bareilly, Gorakhpur and Jhansi were included in this list where FM channels have been successfully auctioned. The 2nd batch auction for 266 channels in 92 cities is in progress.
- (c) The Govt. received an amount of Rs.1103.51 crores from winners of 96 channels in 55 cities, against a reserve price of Rs.550.18 crore for 135 channels in 69 cities included in the first batch.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4599 FOR ANSWER ON 14.12.2016			
FM Phase-III for 135 channels in 69 cities			
Existing Phase-II Cities (69 nos.)			
S. No.	Name of City	State	No. of Channels for Auction
	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>
	Category "A+"		
1	Chennai	Tamil Nadu	1
2	Delhi	Delhi	1
3	Mumbai	Maharashtra	2
			4
	Category "A"		
4	Ahmedabad	Gujarat	1
5	Bangalore	Karnataka	1
6	Hyderabad	Telangana	4
7	Jaipur	Rajasthan	1
8	Kanpur	Uttar Pradesh	3
9	Lucknow	Uttar Pradesh	3
10	Nagpur	Maharashtra	2
11	Pune	Maharashtra	2
12	Surat	Gujarat	2
			19
	Category "B"		
13	Amritsar	Punjab	1
14	Agra	Uttar Pradesh	2
15	Allahabad	Uttar Pradesh	2
16	Asansol	West Bengal	2
17	Cochin	Kerala	1
18	Jamshedpur	Jharkhand	1
19	Madurai	Tamil Nadu	1
20	Patna	Bihar	3
21	Rajkot	Gujarat	1
22	Varanasi	Uttar Pradesh	1
23	Vijayawada	Andhra Pradesh	2
			17
	Category "C"		
24	Ahmednagar	Maharashtra	2
25	Ajmer	Rajasthan	2
26	Akola	Maharashtra	3

27	Aligarh	Uttar Pradesh	3
28	Aurangabad	Maharashtra	2
29	Bareilly	Uttar Pradesh	2
30	Bhubaneshwar	Orissa	1
31	Bikaner	Rajasthan	3
32	Bilaspur	Chhatisgarh	3
33	Chandigarh	Chandigarh/UT	2
34	Dhule	Maharashtra	3
35	Gorakhpur	Uttar Pradesh	3
36	Gulbarga	Karnataka	3
37	Guwahati	Assam	1
38	Jalgaon	Maharashtra	2
39	Jammu	J&K	3
40	Jhansi	Uttar Pradesh	3
41	Jodhpur	Rajasthan	1
42	Kolhapur	Maharashtra	2
43	Kota	Rajasthan	1
44	Kozhikode	Kerala	2
45	Mangalore	Karnataka	1
46	Muzzaffarpur	Bihar	3
47	Mysore	Karnataka	2
48	Nanded	Maharashtra	3
49	Nasik	Maharashtra	2
50	Patiala	Punjab	1
51	Pondicherry	Pondicherry	1
52	Rajamundry	Andhra Pradesh	3
53	Rourkela	Orissa	2
54	Sangli	Maharashtra	2
55	Sholapur	Maharashtra	2
56	Siliguri	West Bengal	1
57	Srinagar	J&K	3
58	Tiruchy	Tamil Nadu	2
59	Tirunelveli	Tamil Nadu	2
60	Tirupati	Andhra Pradesh	2
61	Tuticorin	Tamil Nadu	2
62	Udaipur	Rajasthan	1
63	Warangal	Telangana	3
			85
	Category "D"		
64	Agartala	Tripura	2
65	Aizwal	Mizoram	2
66	Hissar	Haryana	1
67	Itanagar	Arunchal Pradesh	2
68	Karnal	Haryana	1
69	Shillong	Meghalaya	2
			10
G. TOTAL			135

