

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 689
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.07.2017)**

FM RADIO STATIONS

689. SHRI RADHESHYAM BISWAS:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that functioning of some FM Radio Stations including Karimganj of Assam has not started and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (b) the details of measures taken by the Government to start the FM Radio station in the border areas; and
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal for setting up new DDKs in the border areas and if so, the details thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND
BROADCASTING**

{COL RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (Retd.) }

(a) Prasar Bharati has informed that new AIR FM stations have been approved for setting up at 213 new locations across the country (including 100 W FM Relay Stations at 152 locations) which include 1 kW FM Relay station at Karimganj also. These new AIR FM stations are under various stages of installation.

(b) The details of measures taken by AIR to start FM Radio Station in the border areas are as under:

AIR has already set up 36 FM transmitters at 33 locations in the border areas. Details are given in **Annexure-I**. In addition to this, schemes for setting up of 31 new FM transmitters have been approved for implementation in the border areas including North East States. Details are given in **Annexure-II**.

In addition to terrestrial transmission, AIR has already provided 32 AIR channels on Doordarshan's DTH platform (DD Free Dish), which can be received by using DD Freedish set top Box throughout the country including border areas. Further, 13 popular channels of All India Radio can also be received through internet by browsing AIR's website <allindiaradio.gov.in> and by downloading suitable apps on iOS/ Android/ Windows based mobile phones.

(c) Presently, there is no approved scheme to setup new Doordarshan Kendras (Studio centre) in border areas of the country.

ANNEXURE AS REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 689 TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.07.2017

List of Existing FM Transmitters providing coverage to the Border areas

SL. NO. OF LOCATIONS	LOCATION	STATE	SL. NO. OF TR.	EXISTING TR.	NAME OF BORDER COVER
1.	DHUBRI	ASSAM	1.	6 KW FM	INDO-BANGLADESH BORDER
2.	BHUJ	GUJARAT	2.	5 KW FM	INDO-PAK BORDER
3.	DHARAMSHALA	HIMACHAL PRADESH	3.	10 KW FM	INDO-CHINA/TIBET BORDER
4.	BHADRAWAH	JAMMU & KASHMIR	4.	6 KW FM	INDO-PAK BORDER
5.	DRASS	JAMMU & KASHMIR	5.	100 W FM	INDO-PAK BORDER
6.	JAMMU	JAMMU & KASHMIR	6.	10 KW FM	INDO-PAK BORDER
			7.	6 KW FM	INDO-PAK BORDER
7.	KARGIL	JAMMU & KASHMIR	8.	100 W FM	INDO-PAK BORDER
8.	KATHUA	JAMMU & KASHMIR	9.	10 KW FM	INDO-PAK BORDER
9.	PADUM	JAMMU & KASHMIR	10.	100 W FM	INDO-PAK BORDER
10.	POONCH	JAMMU & KASHMIR	11.	6 KW FM	INDO-PAK BORDER
11.	RAJOURI	JAMMU & KASHMIR	12.	10 KW FM	INDO-PAK BORDER
12.	SRINAGAR	JAMMU & KASHMIR	13.	10 KW FM	INDO-PAK BORDER
			14.	10 KW FM	INDO-PAK BORDER
13.	TIESURU	JAMMU & KASHMIR	15.	100 W FM	INDO-PAK BORDER
14.	CHURACHANDPUR	MANIPUR	16.	6 KW FM	INDO- MYANMAR BORDER
15.	IMPHAL	MANIPUR	17.	10 KW FM	INDO- MYANMAR BORDER
16.	JOWAI	MEGHALAYA	18.	6 KW FM	INDO-BANGLADESH BORDER
17.	SHILLONG	MEGHALAYA	19.	10 KW FM	INDO-BANGLADESH BORDER
18.	AIZAWL	MIZORAM	20.	6 KW FM	INDO-BANGLADESH BORDER INDO-MYANMAR BORDER
19.	LUNGLEI	MIZORAM	21.	6 KW FM	INDO-BANGLADESH BORDER INDO-BHUTAN BORDER
20.	FAZILKA	PUNJAB	22.	20 KW FM	INDO-PAK BORDER
21.	BIKANER	RAJASTHAN	23.	10 KW FM	INDO-PAK BORDER
22.	JAISALMER	RAJASTHAN	24.	10 KW FM	INDO-PAK BORDER
23.	GANGTOK	SIKKIM	25.	10 KW FM	INDO-NEPAL BORDER INDO-BHUTAN BORDER INDO-CHINA/TIBET BORDER
24.	TUTICORIN	TAMIL -NADU	26.	1 kW FM	INDO-SRILANKA BORDER
25.	AGARTALA	TRIPURA	27.	10 KW FM	INDO-BANGLADESH BORDER
26.	BELONIA	TRIPURA	28.	6 KW FM	INDO-BANGLADESH BORDER
27.	KAILASHAHAR	TRIPURA	29.	6 KW FM	INDO-BANGLADESH BORDER
28.	GORAKHPUR	UTTAR PRADESH	30.	10 KW FM	INDO-NEPAL BORDER
29.	LAKHIMPUR KHERI	UTTAR PRADESH	31.	10 KW FM	INDO-NEPAL BORDER
30.	BALURGHAT	WEST BENGAL	32.	10 KW FM	INDO-BANGLADESH BORDER
31.	KURSEONG	WEST BENGAL	33.	10 KW FM	INDO-BANGLADESH BORDER INDO-BHUTAN BORDER INDO-NEPAL BORDER
			34.	5 KW FM	INDO-BANGLADESH BORDER INDO-BHUTAN BORDER INDO-NEPAL BORDER
32.	MURSHIDABAD	WEST BENGAL	35.	6 KW FM	INDO-BANGLADESH BORDER
33.	SILIGURI	WEST BENGAL	36.	10 KW FM	INDO-BANGLADESH BORDER INDO-BHUTAN BORDER INDO-NEPAL BORDER

**ANNEXURE AS REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 689 TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.07.2017****List of 31 FM Transmitters approved for setting up along the border areas**

S. No.	Place	STATE	Power of the proposed Transmitters	NAME OF BORDER COVER
1.	DHUBRI	ASSAM	10 kW FM (as a replacement of Existing 6 kW FM transmitter)	INDO-BANGLADESH BORDER
2.	BELONIA	TRIPURA	10 kW FM (as a replacement of existing 6 kW FM transmitter)	INDO-BANGLADESH BORDER
3.	GREEN RIDGE (URI SECTOR)	JAMMU & KASHMIR	10 kW FM	INDO-PAK BORDER
4.	HIMBOTINGLA (KARGIL)	JAMMU & KASHMIR	10 kW FM	INDO-PAK BORDER
5.	PATNITOP (UDHAMPUR)	JAMMU & KASHMIR	10 kW FM	INDO-PAK BORDER
6.	NAUSHERA	JAMMU & KASHMIR	10 kW FM	INDO-PAK BORDER
7.	AMRITSAR	PUNJAB	20 kW FM	INDO-PAK BORDER
8.	CHAUNTAN HILL	RAJASTHAN	20 kW FM	INDO-PAK BORDER
9.	DARJEELING	WEST BENGAL	10 kW FM	INDO-BANGLADESH BORDER INDO-NEPAL BORDER
10.	KRISHNANAGAR	WEST BENGAL	10 kW FM	INDO-BANGLADESH BORDER
11.	COOCH BEHAR	WEST BENGAL	10 kW FM	INDO-BANGLADESH BORDER
12.	ANINI/ROING	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	1 kW FM	INDO-CHINA/TIBET BORDER
13.	CHANGLANG	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	1 kW FM	INDO-MYANMAR BORDER
14.	KHONSA	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	1 kW FM	INDO-MYANMAR BORDER
15.	KARIM GANJ	ASSAM	1 kW FM	INDO-BANGLADESH BORDER
16.	UKHRUL	MANIPUR	1 kW FM	INDO-MYANMAR BORDER
17.	CHERRAPUNJEE	MEGHALAYA	1 kW FM	INDO-BANGLADESH BORDER
18.	TUIPANG	MIZORAM	1 kW FM	INDO-MYANMAR BORDER
19.	CHAMPHAI	MIZORAM	1 kW FM	INDO-MYANMAR BORDER
20.	PHEK	NAGALAND	1 kW FM	INDO-MYANMAR BORDER
21.	NUTAN BAZAR	TRIPURA	1 kW FM	INDO-BANGLADESH BORDER
22.	CHAMPAWAT	UTTARAKHAND	1 kW FM	INDO-NEPAL BORDER
23.	SILCHAR	ASSAM	5 kW FM	INDO-BANGLADESH BORDER
24.	TURA	MEGHALAYA	5 kW FM	INDO-BANGLADESH BORDER
25.	LONGTHARAI	TRIPURA	5 kW FM	INDO-BANGLADESH BORDER
26-31	6 locations in Indo-Nepal Border		10 kW FM	INDO-NEPAL BORDER

