

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2800  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.01.2018)**

**OPERATIONAL COMMUNITY RADIO STATIONS**

**2800. SHRI DILIP PATEL**

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

- a) the details of operational Community Radio Stations (CRSs) in the country, State/UT-wise along with the details of guidelines prepared, criteria fixed, funding provision made available for setting up of CRS by educational institutions, registered societies, trusts and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) etc.;
- b) whether the applications have been received by the Government for setting up of CRS in various States of the country during the last three years; and
- c) if so, the details and present status thereof, State/UT-wise including Uttarakhand and Gujarat?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND  
BROADCASTING [COL RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (Retd.)]**

(a) Presently there are 214 operational Community Radio (CR) Stations in the country. A State/UT-wise list of 214 operational CR stations is at Annexure A.

A detailed copy of 'the Policy Guidelines for setting up of CR station in India', along with eligibility criteria, is available on Ministry's website [www.mib.nic.in](http://www.mib.nic.in).

Furthermore, in the 12th Plan, Government introduced a new scheme namely "Supporting Community Radio Movement in India" for providing financial assistance to CR stations under the component "Community Radio Support Scheme" (CRSS). Guidelines for availing financial assistance from the Government are also available on Ministry's website [www.mib.nic.in](http://www.mib.nic.in).

(b) & (c) Ministry has received 522 applications for permission to set up CR station from various states, during the last three years. A State/UT-wise list of applications, including Uttarakhand and Gujarat, during the last three years, with their status is given at Annexure B.

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