

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2808
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.01.2018**

AUCTION OF FM RADIO CHANNELS

2808 : SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE

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

- (a) whether the Government proposed to auction FM radio channels in 264 cities in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the list of the cities where such auctions were undertaken;
- (c) the number of such cities in Karnataka; and
- (d) the 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)to (d) The proposal to auction FM Radio channels in 294 cities was approved by the Cabinet, in its meeting held on 7.7.2011.

Government conducted e-Auction of First batch of FM Phase-III comprising 135 vacant channels in 69 cities from 27.07.2015 to 09.09.2015. State-wise details are given in Annexure 10.1 of the Notice Inviting Applications (NIA) dated March 2, 2015, available on Ministry's website www.mib.nic.in. Four cities in Karnataka i.e. Bangalore (1 channel), Gulbarga (3 channels), Mangaluru (1 channel) and Mysore (2 channels) were put to auction in the First batch. Government received an amount of ₹ 1156.90 crore from winners of 97 channels in 56 cities against the cumulative reserve price of ₹ 550 crore for 135 channels put to auction in 69 cities.

Government has also conducted e-Auction of Second batch of FM Phase-III for 266 channels in 92 cities from 26.10.2016 to 14.12.2016. State-wise details are given in Annexure 10.1 of the Notice Inviting Applications (NIA) dated June 20,2016, available on Ministry's website www.mib.nic.in. Seven cities in Karnataka i.e. Belgaum (4 channels), Bellary (4 channels), Davangere (4 channels), Gulbarga (3 channels), Hubli-Dharwad (4 channels), Mangaluru (1 channel) and Mysore (2 channels) were put to auction in the Second batch. Government received an amount of ₹ 200.24 Crore from winners of 66 channels in 48 cities against the cumulative reserve price of ₹ 915.91 Crore for 266 channels put to auction in 92 cities.