

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3262
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.03.2018)**

COMMUNITY RADIO STATIONS FOR FARMERS

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

- a) the number of community radio stations in country for the farmers, state-wise;
- b) the steps taken by the Government for the assistance and development of the said radio stations;
- c) the amount allocated to the States for the development of such radio stations during the last three years, State-wise;
- d) whether the Government is also considering to set up such community radio stations for fishermen in coastal areas for the county for weather forecasting; and
- e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- a) Community Radio Stations (CRSs) are generally established to cater to the needs/ aspirations of the community served by it. It involves participation by the community in creation and broadcast of programmes. There are 15 CR stations which have been established by Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs). These stations broadcast programmes in local dialect mainly for the welfare of farmers. The state wise list of CR stations is annexed at "A".
- b) In the 12th plan, Government approved a scheme, namely 'Supporting Community Radio Movement in India', under which, a running CR station

can apply for financial assistance for purchase of machinery and equipment with maximum ceiling limit of Rs 7.5 lacs.

- c) A state-wise list of CR stations, who have obtained financial assistance from the Ministry is annexed at "B".
- d) & e) At present, there are no CR stations specifically for fishermen in the coastal areas of the county. However, a CR station may broadcast AIR News, weather forecast translated in local dialects useful for fisherman in coastal areas.

ANNEXURE-A

Annexure as referred to in part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3262 to be answered on 15.03.2018

State wise List of Operational Community Radio Stations of Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVKs)/State Agricultural University (SAUs)

S.N.	Name of Organisation	State
1	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Agwanpur, Barh, Patna	Bihar
2	Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya	Chhattisgarh
3	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Junagarh	Gujarat
4	Junagadh Agricultural University	Gujarat
5	CCS Haryana Agricultural University	Haryana
6	University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad, Karnataka	Karnataka
7	Krishi Vigyan Kendra (PIRENS)	Maharashtra
8	Suvide Foundation's Krishi Vigyan Kendra	Maharashtra
9	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Baramati	Maharashtra
10	Sadhana Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Amravati	Maharashtra
11	Tamilnadu Agricultural University	Tamil Nadu
12	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Namakkal	Tamil Nadu
13	Allahabad Agricultural Institute Deemed University	Uttar Pradesh
14	Krishi vigyan kendra, Saharanpur	Uttar Pradesh
15	GB Pant University of Agriculture & Technology	Uttarakhand

ANNEXURE-B

Annexure as referred to in part (c) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question
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State-wise list of CR Stations who have obtained financial assistance from
Ministry

S. No.	Name of the Organisation	State
1	Deccan Development Society	Andhra Pradesh
2	NGF College of Engineering and Technology, Palwal-Faridabad	Haryana
3	National Welfare Society	Maharashtra
4	AGN School Managed by GIFT Foundation	Tamil Nadu
5	Keystone Foundation	Tamil Nadu
6	Rathinam College of Arts & science	Tamil Nadu
7	MOP Vaishnav College for Women	Tamil Nadu
8	Aurobindo Society	Tamil Nadu
9	Seeking Modern Applications for Real Transformation (SMART)	Uttar Pradesh