

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2589
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.12.2018)**

OPENING OF FM RADIO STATIONS

2589. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any statistics regarding number of FM Radio Stations functioning in the country at present;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of FM Radio Stations opened during the last five years, State-wise and year-wise;
- (c) whether there is any proposal pending before the Government for opening of new/more FM Radio Stations in various parts of the country including Kerala; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for delay in approval?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING**

{COL RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (Retd.)}

(a) & (b) Prasar Bharati has informed that as far as AIR is concerned, as on date AIR has 450 FM Stations functioning including 100 W FM Relay Stations. During last 5 years, 93 FM stations were opened. State-wise and year-wise details are given at **Annexure-I**.

As regards Private FM Radio, at present 369 Private FM Radio channels are operational in 101 cities spread across 27 States and 3 Union Territories in the country. Details are available in the Ministry's website mib.gov.in. During last 5 years, 136 Private FM channels became operational in 23 States and 3 Union Territories. Details are given at **Annexure-II**.

(c) & (d) Yes Madam. Scheme for setting up of FM Stations at 31 locations has been approved including Alappuzha in Kerala.

Apart from this, schemes for setting up of 100 W FM transmitter at 113 locations including Kayamkulam & Pathanamthitta in Kerala have also been approved.

As regards Private FM Radio, approval has been granted by the Government for auction of 683 private FM radio channels in 236 cities including three cities in Kerala viz. Alappuzha, Kasargod and Palakkad for which process of conducting e-auction has been initiated.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2589 FOR ANSWER ON 27.12.2018.

S.NO.	STATE	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	0	0	0	0	0
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	0	13	0	0	0
3	ASSAM	0	5	0	0	2
4	BIHAR	5	0	0	0	1
5	CHHATTISGARH	5	0	0	0	0
6	GOA	0	0	0	0	0
7	GUJARAT	1	0	0	0	0
8	HARYANA	0	0	0	0	0
9	HIMACHAL PRADESH	1	0	0	0	0
10	JAMMU & KASHMIR	0	0	0	0	0
11	JHARKHAND	7	0	0	0	0
12	KARNATAKA	0	0	0	0	0
13	KERALA	0	0	0	0	0
14	MADHYA PRADESH	2	0	0	0	0
15	MAHARASHTRA	1	0	0	1	0
16	MANIPUR	0	0	0	0	1
17	MEGHALAYA	0	1	0	0	0
18	MIZORAM	0	3	0	0	0
19	NAGALAND	0	2	0	0	2
20	ODISHA	0	1	0	0	0
21	PUNJAB	1	0	1	0	0

22	RAJASTHAN	0	0	0	0	1
23	SIKKIM	0	9	0	0	0
24	TAMIL NADU	0	0	0	0	0
25	TELANGANA	1	0	0	0	0
26	TRIPURA	1	6	0	0	2
27	UTTAR PRADESH	3	1	0	0	0
28	UTTARAKHAND	1	0	3	0	1
29	WEST BENGAL	5	0	0	2	1
30	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR (UT)	0	0	0	0	0
31	CHANDIGARH (UT)	0	0	0	0	0
32	DADAR & NAGAR HAVELI (UT)	0	0	0	0	0
33	DAMAN & DIU (UT)	0	0	0	0	0
34	DELHI (UT)	0	0	0	0	0
35	LAKSHADWEEP (UT)	0	0	0	0	0
36	PUDUCHERRY (UT)	0	0	0	0	0
Total		34	41	4	3	11

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S.NO.	STATE	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	0	0	0	0	5
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	0	0	0	1	0
3	ASSAM	0	0	1	0	0
4	BIHAR	0	0	0	5	1
5	CHHATTISGARH	0	0	1	2	0
6	GOA	0	0	0	0	0
7	GUJARAT	0	0	3	1	12
8	HARYANA	0	0	2	0	0
9	HIMACHAL PRADESH	0	0	0	0	0
10	JAMMU & KASHMIR	0	0	0	3	3
11	JHARKHAND	0	0	0	1	0
12	KARNATAKA	0	0	1	0	2
13	KERALA	0	0	1	1	1
14	MADHYA PRADESH	0	0	0	0	0
15	MAHARASHTRA	0	0	8	15	4
16	MANIPUR	0	0	0	0	0
17	MEGHALAYA	0	0	0	2	0
18	MIZORAM	0	0	0	1	1
19	NAGALAND	0	0	0	0	0
20	ODISHA	0	0	0	2	1
21	PUNJAB	0	0	1	1	0

22	RAJASTHAN	0	0	5	4	0
23	SIKKIM	0	0	0	0	0
24	TAMIL NADU	0	0	0	1	8
25	TELANGANA	0	0	2	1	3
26	TRIPURA	0	0	0	1	0
27	UTTAR PRADESH	0	0	10	9	3
28	UTTARAKHAND	0	0	0	0	1
29	WEST BENGAL	0	0	0	0	1
30	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR (UT)	0	0	0	0	0
31	CHANDIGARH (UT)	0	0	1	1	0
32	DADAR & NAGAR HAVELI (UT)	0	0	0	0	0
33	DAMAN & DIU (UT)	0	0	0	0	0
34	DELHI (UT)	0	0	1	0	0
35	LAKSHADWEEP (UT)	0	0	0	0	0
36	PUDUCHERRY (UT)	0	0	0	0	1
Total		0	0	37	52	47
