

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1084
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2022)

MALAYALAM FM RADIO SERVICES

1084. SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government has noticed that no Frequency Modulation (FM) Radio Malayalam programmes are available anywhere in the Kasaragod district and only Kannada FM channel is available in the northern part of the Kasaragod district and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether any steps have been taken/are being taken by the Government to increase the transmission power of the nearest Malayalam FM Radio station in Kannur FM radio to avail Malayalam FM Radio services in all parts of the district;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and**
- (d) the details of the progress of the new Community Radio Station in Kasaragod and the number of applications approvals thereof?**

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING;
AND MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)**

(a) to (c) All India Radio has a 100 Watt FM Relay Station at Kasargod carrying AIR channel in Malayalam for localised coverage. The broadcast follows line of sight and is not strictly bound by geographical boundaries. FM Broadcast from FM transmitters at Madikeri and Udupi in adjacent districts of Karnataka is also available in some parts of Kasargod district.

The transmission capacity of FM Radio Station at Kannur has been increased from 6 KW to 10 KW power.

(d) The Government of India has signed a Grant of Permission Agreement with eligible organization for setting up of a community radio station in Kasargod. No application is pending for approval, for setting up of community radio station in Kasargod, in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.
