

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2077
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.03.2023**

“AUCTION OF FM RADIO”

2077. DR. PON GAUTHAM SIGAMANI:

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

- a) Whether it is a fact that the Government is contemplating a fresh auction of Frequency Modulation (FM) radio stations this year to expand its coverage in the country;
- b) Whether it is also true that the Government is considering upgrading the infrastructure of Prasar Bharati;
- c) Whether it is also true that Prasar Bharati is planning to have an Over-The-Top (OTT) platform for its content; and
- d) If so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) : As on date, no such proposal has been finalized, in this regard.
- (b) : For Prasar Bharati, Government has approved continuation of Central Sector Scheme “Broadcasting Infrastructure and Network Development” (BIND) for the period 2021-26 at total cost of ₹ 2539.61 Crore.
- (c) & (d) : Prasar Bharati has informed that at present, there is no approved scheme / proposal for setting up of OTT platform for Doordarshan.
