

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

**MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 4513**

**(TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.03.2023)**

**NEWLY SANCTIONED FM CENTRES**

**4513. SHRI S. MUNISWAMY:**

**Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:**

- (a) the time by which the newly sanctioned Frequency Modulation (FM) Centres are likely to be operational across the country including Karnataka and Kolar district;**
- (b) the reasons for the delay over an year than the earlier stipulated time;**
- (c) whether the sanctioned FM Centre at Kolar will be useful to people from Sidlaghatta and Chintamani tehsils of Chikkaballapur district apart from the Kolar district; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING; AND**

**MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS**

**(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)**

**(a) 154 numbers of All India Radio FM transmitters/centres approved across the country under Central Sector Scheme “Broadcasting Infrastructure and Network Development (BIND)” for the period 2021-26 are at various stages of operationalisation.**

**(b) The commissioning of new transmitters including 100 Watt FM transmitter at KGF Kolar was impacted due to COVID-19 pandemic situation which caused shortage of labour and disruption in international and domestic supply chain.**

**(c) & (d) Sidlaghatta and Chintamani tehsils of Chikkaballapur district do not fall under the coverage area of FM transmitter at KGF Kolar as it has a coverage in radial distance of 10 to 12 kms.**

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