

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1498
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.12.2023)

CLOSURE OF FM STATION

1498. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of reports of closing down of Kerala State's first Frequency Modulation (FM) channel, Ananthapuri FM in Thiruvananthapuram, that had a wide listener base in Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam and Pathanamthitta districts with about 45 lakh listeners;**
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to withdraw from the FM broadcasting segment in vernacular languages; 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) to (d): No, Sir. There is no such proposal to shut down any of the Frequency Modulation (FM) transmitter functioning in Akashvani Network across the country. Ananthapuri FM in Kerala has not been shut down. The Ananthapuri FM channel is now called as Akashvani Ananthapuri. The content has been revamped to align with the changing requirements of listeners.
