

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 398
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.12.2023)

FM RADIO MALAYALAM

398. SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no Frequency Modulation (FM) Radio Malayalam Programmes available in the Kasaragod district and if so, the action taken in this regard;

(b) the details of Kannada FM channel are available in the northern part of the Kasaragod district;

(c) whether the Government has noticed that Malayalam speaking people are more here in Kasaragod district and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the steps 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 in all parts of the district;

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) the details of the progress of the New Community Radio Stations in Kasaragod; and

(g) the number of applications still pending for approval in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e) Akashvani 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 Akashvani 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.

In addition, three Private FM radio channels with transmission power of 3KW (minimum) to 10 KW (maximum) are also operating in Kannur.

(f) & (g) The Government of India has signed a Grant of Permission Agreement with Tellicherry Social Service Society for setting up of a community radio station in Kasargod. There is no application pending from any other organizations in Kasargod.
