

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 569
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.02.2024)**

TECHNOLOGY FOR COMMUNITY RADIO STATIONS:-

569. SHRI ANURAG SHARMA:

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

- (a) the details of existing framework and technology for Community Radio Stations;
- (b) whether it is a fact that Community Radio stations can play a significant role in empowering rural and remote communities by helping them disseminate crucial information and proliferate their culture, practices, songs and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of Community Radio stations in the country, State-wise and particularly in Uttar Pradesh and Jhansi Parliamentary Constituency;
- (d) whether the Government has in place a framework/guideline to support existing community radio stations or set up new community stations; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

- (a) A Community Radio Station is a low power FM Radio Station, having a reach of 5-10 Km. As per provisions of the Policy Guidelines for setting up of Community Radio Stations (CRS) in India, NGOs, Registered Societies, Autonomous Bodies and Public Trusts registered under the Societies Act or any other such act, State Agriculture Universities (SAUs), Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) institutions, Krishi Vigyan Kendras, Educational institutions are eligible to apply for setting up of Community Radio Stations. The organization should be explicitly constituted as a 'non-profit' organisation and should have a proven record of at least three years of service to the local community. A transmitter having maximum Effective Radiated Power (ERP), of 100 W shall be used for transmission.

(b) As per provisions of the 'Policy Guidelines for Setting up Community Radio Stations (CRS) in India', the programmes broadcast by the Community Radio Stations should be of immediate relevance to the community. The emphasis should be on developmental, agricultural, health, educational, environmental, social welfare, community development and cultural programmes. The programming should reflect the special interests and needs of the local community. Further, at least 50% of content shall be generated with the participation of the local community, for which the station has been set up.

(c) As on date 01.02.2024, a total of 481 Community Radio stations have been set up in the country. In the State of Uttar Pradesh, a total of 58 Community Radio Stations are set up. There is no Community Radio station in the Jhansi Parliamentary Constituency

State-wise number of Community Radio Stations set up in the country are provided in Annexure-A. List of Community Radio Stations set up in Uttar Pradesh is provided in Annexure-B.

(d) & (e) The Ministry has approved a Central Sector scheme titled "Supporting Community Movement in India", with an outlay of Rs. 50 crore for the period 2021-2026. Under the said Scheme, a financial assistance upto Rs.10 lakh is provided towards setting up of infrastructure to new and existing Community Radio Stations. Besides this, the Ministry also conducts Community Radio awards, awareness workshops, capacity building workshops and Regional Community Radio Sammelans.

Annexure – A

Details mentioned in answer to part (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 569 dated 06.02.2024

List of Operational Community Radio Stations in India (as on 01.02.2024)		
Sr. No.	Name of State	No. of Commissioned Stations
1.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	1
2.	Andhra Pradesh	11
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	2
4.	Assam	5
5.	Bihar	13
6.	Chandigarh	5
7.	Chhattisgarh	14
8.	Delhi	5
9.	Gujarat	15
10.	Haryana	23
11.	Himachal Pradesh	7
12.	Jammu and Kashmir	8
13.	Jharkhand	3
14.	Karnataka	25
15.	Kerala	22
16.	Ladakh	1
17.	Madhya Pradesh	41
18.	Maharashtra	50
19.	Manipur	4
20.	Meghalaya	1
21.	Nagaland	1
22.	Odisha	41
23.	Puducherry	2
24.	Punjab	9
25.	Rajasthan	27
26.	Sikkim	1
27.	Tamil Nadu	46
28.	Telangana	10
29.	Tripura	1
30.	Uttar Pradesh	58
31.	Uttarakhand	15
32.	West Bengal	14
Total		481

Annexure - B

Details mentioned in answer to part (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 569 dated 06.02.2024

Sr. No.	District	Name of Community Radio Station Permission Holder	Location of Community Radio Station
1	Agra	Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Agra.	Community Radio 90.4 "Agra Ki Awaz", 1st Floor, Building opposite to Dau Dayal Vocational Institute, Khandari Campus, Agra-282002.
2	Agra	Sant Ramkrishna Kanya Mahavidyalaya	Shivpuri, Balkeshwar Road, Agra
3	Aligarh	Welfare Association for Downtrodden (WADA)	Yusuf Ganj, Baradwari, Dhanipur
4	Aligarh	Mangalyatan university	33Rd Km Stone, Beswan, Aligarh
5	Ambedkar Nagar	Janta Kalyan Sansthan	Vill & Post Sehara Jalalpur Tahsil/ Bhati, Ara,
6	Amroha	Kashmiri Devi Chandi Prasad Samrak Sewa Samiti	Jns Kashmiri Girls Degree College, Mandi Dhanaura
7	Ayodhya	Krishna Charitable Trust	Naya ghat near Ram Katha Sangralaya
8	Azamgarh	Mirza Ahsanullah Beg Educational and Social Welfare Society	College Campus, Mirza Ahsanullah Beg Girls P.G College, Anjaan Shaheed, Azamgarh, U.P,
9	Azamgarh	Bhartendu Human Care and Development Society	9/69 Raidopur Nai Basti, Azamgarh, Uttar Pradesh -276001
10	Bahraich	Help Foundation	Sufi Pura, Bahraich, Uttar Pradesh
11	Barabanki	Jahangirabad Educational Trust Group of Institutions	Jahairabad Fort
12	Barabanki	Fairdeal Gramodyog Sewa Samiti	Badel , Mayur Vihar , Colony, Ward ovary , Alapur,
13	Basti	Kisan Sewa Sansthan	Apera City , Phase 1, Basti
14	Basti	Pradumman Singh Educational Social & Environment Trust	Village & Post, Ranipur,
15	Bijnor	Veer Kunwar Institute of Technology	V. K. Puram, Nagina Road
16	Bijnor	Rama Institute of Higher Education	1st Km Milestone Najibabad Road Post Kiratpur

17	Bijnor	Kunwar Satya Vira College of Engineering and Management	Bijnor city
18	Budaun	Sarv Hitay Sansthan	NEAR JAL NIGAM COLONY, MAHARAJ NAGAR, D.M. ROAD, BADAUN
19	Deoria	Jyoti Seva Sadan	Saket Nagar (Near Sukanya Gas agency) Deoria, (Uttar Pradesh) Pin Code 274001
20	Deoria	Maa Sharda Foundation	Purwa Chauraha, Gorakhpur-Deoria Road
21	Etawah	Yuva Ekta Mission	, Vikas Colony, Phase-3, Pakka Bagh, Etawa, Dist- Etawah, Uttar Pradesh
22	Gautam Buddh Nagar- Noida	Institute of Management Studies	Stationhead Salaam Namaste Community Radio A Unit of IMS Noida A 8 B, Block C Institute of Management Studies, Noida Sector -62 U.P: 201303
23	Gautam Buddh Nagar- Noida	Asian School of Media Studies	Marwah Studio Complex, Fc/14/15, Film City, Sector 16 A
24	Gautam Buddh Nagar- Noida	Amity University	Sect/125 City: Noida
25	Gautam Buddh Nagar- Noida	Sharda University	Radio Studio (Room no. 401), 4th Floor, Block III ,Sharda University, Greater Noida
26	Gautam Buddh Nagar- Noida	National Institute of Open Schooling	A 31,Institutional Area,NH 24, Sector/62, NOIDA
27	Ghaziabad	Hintt Institute of Management	18/A, RDC, Raj Nagar, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh - 201002
28	Gonda	Bramhi Foundation	Lal Bahadur Shastri P.H. Degree College, Civil Lines, Gonda, Uttar Prdaesh
29	Gonda	GYANASTHALI SHIKSHA SAMITI	C/O Saraswati Devi Nari, Gyansthali Mahavidyalaya, Near Dukhharan- nath Temple,Station Road, Gonda, UP

30	Gorakhpur	Ashutosh Shiksha Evam Sewa Sansthan	KIPM technical campus Bl/1&2, Sector 9, Gida Gorakhpur
31	Gorakhpur	Basudhanidhi	CRS
32	Gorakhpur	Safe Society	H No- 194 -T, Manas Vihar Colony, Sangam Chauk, Padari Bazar, Gorakhpur
33	Hardoi	Shiv Shankar Development Society (SSDS)	Kothi Gaur Sahab, 161, Station Road, Railway Ganj, Dist;- Hardoi, Uttar Pradesh-241001.
34	Kannauj	Dainyam Aaradhyam Society	Nabiganj Jasmairoad Chandi Musta
35	Kanpur Dehat	Shramik Bharti	Waqt Ki Awaaz, Community Radio Station, Village - Bairy Dariyao, Post – Bairi Sawai, Block – Maitha, District – Kanpur Dehat, PIN - 209204 Uttar Pradesh.
36	Kanpur Nagar	Indian Institute of Technology, IIT Kanpur	FM90.4, IITKCR, ,Media Technology Center IIT Kanpur Pin- 208016
37	Kanpur Nagar	Rama University Kanpur	Rama University, Rama City, Mandhana, Near Mandhana Railway Station, Kanpur, U.P. 208024
38	Kanpur Nagar	India Development Alternatives Foundation (IDAF)	110 D/A4, Adarsh Nagar, Barra/2
39	Lalitpur	Sai Jyoti Gramodhyog Samaj Seva Samiti	community radio Lalit Lok Vani Alapur LALITPUR, UTTAR PRADESH 284403 India.
40	Lucknow	City Montessori School	CITY MONTESSORI SCHOOL, LDA BRANCH, SECTOR/D, KANPUR ROAD, LUCKNOW
41	Lucknow	CMS Degree College	City Montessori School, Inter College 2, VISHAL KHAND GOMTI NAGAR LUCKNOW/226010
42	LUCKNOW	Babu Banarsi Das University	BBD COMMUNITY RADIO STATION, BBD UNIVERSITY, DR. AKHILESH DAS NAGAR, BBD CITY, FAIZABAD ROAD, LUCKNOW/ 226028, UTTAR PRADESH , INDIA

43	Lucknow	King Georges Medical University	Radio KGMU Goonj 89.6 MHz, 2nd Floor, Atal Bihari Vajpayee Scientific Convention Centre, Opposite Gautam Buddha Park, KGMU, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh 226003
44	MATHURA	Vidya Sagar Academy	
45	Mathura	Sanskriti Institute of Management and Technology	28 Km Stone, NH/2, Chhata, Mathura, Uttar Pradesh/281401
46	Meerut	IIMT Engineering College	IIMT Engineering college 'O' Pocket, Ganga Nagar, Mawana Road, Meerut
47	Meerut	Shanti Niketan Vidyapeeth	C/O Shanti Niketan Vidyapeeth, Salarpur Jalalpur 6th Mile Stone Mawana Road
48	Meerut	MIT Group of Institutions	NH/58, Bye/Pass Road, Baral Partapur
49	Meerut	Swami Vivekanand Subharti University	Subhartipuram SVSU Campus, NH-58, DelhjHaridwar,Bypass road
50	MEERUT	Chaudhary Charan Singh University	Chaudhary Charansingh University, near tejgarhi chowk, Meerut, Uttar PRAdesh-250004
51	Moradabad	Bharti Gramotthan Samajik Vikas Sansthan	Prakash Nagar near Ramleela Ground Linepar
52	Muzaffarnagar	SD College of Pharmacy & Vocational Studies	Mandi Samiti Road
53	Padrauna	Carvan Sanskritik Evam Vikas Manch	Near Eastern Railway Fatak Bhootnath Colony, Padrauna Kushinagar
54	Prayagraj	Allahabad Agricultural Institute Deemed University /Sam Higginbottom Institute of Agriculture Technology	3rd floor, School of Film and Mass Communication,SHUATS, Nainital, Prayagraj
55	RaeBareli	Prakash Deep Sewa Sansthan	B 86, Indira Nagar Awas Vikas Colony,
56	Sant Kabir Nagar	Jeevan Jyoti Sansthan	janta marg, Bardahiya , near railway crossing, khalilabad
57	Unnao	Prerna Gramodyog Seva Sansthan	Village / Rajna khera Post / Auras
58	Varanasi	Bahuddeshiya Gramodyog Vikas Samiti	SA/4/79 A, Keshav Vihar Colony, Pandeypur