GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1096

(TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.11.2019)

BROADCASTING CENTRES

1096. SHRI ANURAG SHARMA:

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

- (a) whether the transmitting capacity of F.M. local radio station at Jhansi has been enhanced from 5 kilowatts hertz to 10 kilowatts hertz raising its transmitting capacity up to 100 kilometre with transmitting capacity of 103 megahertz thereby extending the coverage to some other districts of the division and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether despite this expansion of coverage, the cultural and other activities of these districts could not be covered due to lack of permission to invite the experts and artists of these districts;

- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether any proposal regarding inviting experts, artists etc., from other districts outside Jhansi is under consideration, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether proposal to expand the transmitting range of the station outside Jhansi to cover entire division of Jhansi and to allow applicants for voice test for all belonging to the said division is under consideration?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE; MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING; AND MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) Prasar Bharati has informed that the transmitting capacity of AIR FM Station at Jhansi has been increased recently from 6 kW to 10 kW. The coverage of this station has also been increased from 45 kms to 50 kms in radius. AIR Jhansi being a Local Radio Station (LRS) caters to the needs and aspirations of Local people covering five districts viz. Lalitpur, Jalon, Hamirpur, Mahoba and Jhansi.

(b) to (e): The Artists and Experts are invited as per programming needs, availability and relevance to the coverage area. The policy for the same is reviewed periodically at the zonal and headquarter level.
