

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 4170

(TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2019)

BROADCASTING CAPACITY OF RADIO STATIONS

4170. SHRI SATYADEV PACHAURI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that owing to low broadcasting capacity of radio stations in Uttar Pradesh, the broadcast made therefrom is audible upto a limited distance;

(b) whether the Government proposes to enhance the broadcasting capacity of radio stations in Uttar Pradesh;

(c) if so, the radio stations selected for enhancement of broadcasting capacity during the current financial year; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which the capacity would be upgraded?

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) All India Radio (AIR) services are being provided in Uttar Pradesh through MW & FM transmitters at 26 locations through which 99% of population is covered by MW transmission and 60% by FM transmission. Besides this, Prasar Bharati has also made available more than 200 AIR Radio Channels digitally to its listeners through “NewsonAir” app on Android and iOS mobile platforms. Further, 37 radio channels are available across the country including Uttar Pradesh on “DD FreeDish” free to air DTH service of Prasar Bharati.

(b) to (d) AIR has recently implemented projects for replacement/ enhancement of broadcasting capacity of Radio Stations at 11 locations in Lucknow, Varanasi, Agra, Bareilly, Faizabad, Obra, Allahabad, Kanpur, Jhansi, Mathura and Aligarh. Further, 12 new FM transmitters have been approved in Uttar Pradesh.
