

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 926

(TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.11.2019)

FM RADIO STATION IN GUJARAT

926. SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH:

SHRIMATI RATHVA GITABEN VAJESINGBHAI:

SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:

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

- (a) the number of radio stations set up in Gujarat State;**
- (b) whether the Government has taken any steps to improve the radio signals in rural areas of Gujarat; and**
- (c) if so, the details thereof?**

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 presently, there are 16 AIR stations functioning in the State of Gujarat at Ahmedabad, Ahwa, Bhuj, Godhra, Himmatnagar, Rajkot, Surat, Vadodara, Mehsana, Bhavnagar, Amreli, Bharuch, Jamnagar, Porbandar, Dwarka and Junagarh.

(b) & (c): Prasar Bharati is providing radio coverage to most of the areas including rural areas of Gujarat. To improve the radio signals in various parts of Gujarat, Prasar Bharati has implemented the replacement of outlived MW transmitters by state-of-the-art digital transmitters at Ahmedabad and Rajkot. Replacement and upgradation of FM transmitters at Ahmedabad and Godhra has also been implemented.

In addition to above, a 10 kW FM station with studio facility at Dahod and 100 W FM transmitters at 10 locations have also been approved.
