

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1146
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2020)**

COMMUNITY RADIO STATION

1146. SHRI V.K. SREEKANDAN; SHRI RITESH PANDEY

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to establish community radio stations in every district of States/UTs in the country and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether it is true that there is a push to allow community radio stations in coastal districts and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that these community radio stations provide valuable services to the coastal people during flood and other natural calamities and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government is considering to have more community radio stations in all coastal areas; and
- (e) 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) Setting up of Community Radio (CR) Stations is a voluntary effort, involving community participation. The Central Government also provides financial support to CR Stations. There are 278 Community Radio (CR) Stations operational in the country.**

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(b) to (e) As on date, a total of 46 Community Radio Stations are operational in 23 coastal districts of the country. Community Radio awareness workshops were organized in Port Blair, Goa, Ahmedabad and Hyderabad in the last two years. CR Stations in the coastal areas, can play a significant role during flood and other natural calamities by timely dissemination of information related to measures to be taken by the people.
