

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 4500

(TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.03.2020)

AKASHVANI DEVIKULAM STATION

4500. ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to strengthen Akashvani broadcasting in the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to increase the frequency of transmission of Akashvani Devikulam Station in Idukki District of Kerala and 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) & (b): Modernization/upgradation and strengthening of Akashvani Broadcast is a continuous process. As part of extension of the scheme, namely, “Broadcasting Infrastructure and Network Development”, an amount of Rs 435.04 Crore has been approved for AIR Network during the period 2017-2020. The components of the scheme, inter-alia, include Modernization, Augmentation and Replacement of transmitters and Broadcast Equipment, Digitization of studios, FM Expansion/Replacement, Coverage in sensitive areas, Broadcasting on alternate Platform, Content Development, etc.

(c): A 5 KW FM transmitter (at 101.40 MHz) is functioning at Devikulam Station in Idukki which has been replaced recently.
