

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2042

(TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.02.2021)

REDUCTION OF AIR STATIONS IN KERALA

2042. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has taken the decision to reduce the number of stations of All India Radio (AIR) bringing creation of programmes in Kerala to just one;**
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;**
- (c) whether this decision will end the regional programmes being created specific to many cities in Kerala and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether all the stations will have to carry programming from one station to the entire State, rather than localized programming and if so, the details thereof; and**

(e) whether the Ministry has explored any options to make it financially viable to keep these stations functional, given their huge popularity in some regions 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) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.
