

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO.*269

(TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.08.2021)

**DISCONTINUATION OF PRODUCTION OF PROGRAMMES IN
REGIONAL STATIONS**

***269. ADV. A.M. ARIFF:**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to stop the production of
programmes in different regional stations of All India Radio
in Kerala and convert them to relay stations of
Thiruvananthapuram station and if so, the details thereof and
the reasons therefor;**
- (b) whether the Government has taken any steps for
withdrawing the decision of Prasar Bharati to close down the
200 kW Medium Wave Transmission Station in Alappuzha and
if so, the details thereof;**

- (c) whether the Government will consider replacing the old-generation transmitter in Alappuzha Transmission station with new-age DRM transmitter to enhance the coverage, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and**
- (d) the details of AIR stations in the country equipped with DRM transmitters and those functioning with old-age transmitters?**

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING; AND
MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)**

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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(a) & (b): No, Sir. Prasar Bharati has informed that it has not taken any such decision to stop the production of programmes by different regional stations of All India Radio (AIR) in Kerala. There is also no proposal to convert any regional station in Kerala into a relay station of Thiruvananthapuram.

Prasar Bharati is currently maintaining status quo with respect to the operation of 200 KW Medium Wave Transmitter in Alappuzha which is currently relaying AIR, Thiruvananthapuram. A 5 KW FM transmitter has been installed at Alappuzha in 2019 which is also relaying the same service.

(c) & (d): Keeping pace with modern technology, Prasar Bharati has introduced new modes of transmission across India. Various AIR regional services now have a satellite footprint through “DD FreeDish” DTH Satellite Radio. Several local and regional radio services of AIR, including AIR channels originating from all stations in Kerala also have a global footprint through Prasar Bharati’s App “NewsOnAIR” available on “Android” and “IOS” and on newsonair.com website.

Adoption of new-age Digital Radio transmitters is subject to final outcome of the testing and evaluation of latest digital radio standard to be adopted by India.

There are 35 Medium Wave and 3 Short Wave solid state transmitters which are additionally capable of operating in Digital Mode based on the DRM standard. There are 93 analog Medium Wave and 9 analog Short Wave transmitters based on outdated technology. The list of such transmitters is at Annexure-I and Annexure-II.

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Annexure-I

State wise List of DRM MW/SW Transmitters

Sr. No.	Place	State	Power of Transmitter
A. MW DRM Transmitters			
1.	Vijayawada	Andhra Pradesh	100 kW
2.	Itanagar	Arunachal Pradesh	200 kW
3.	Tawang	Arunachal Pradesh	200 kW
4.	Passighat	Arunachal Pradesh	200 kW
5.	Dibrugarh	Assam	300 kW
6.	Guwahati 'B'	Assam	20 kW
7.	Patna	Bihar	100kW
8.	Delhi (VB)	Delhi	20 kW
9.	Delhi 'A'	Delhi	200 kW
10.	Panaji	Goa	100 KW
11.	Ahemdabad	Gujarat	200 kW
12.	Rajkot	Gujarat	300 KW
13.	Rajkot	Gujarat	1000 kW
14.	Jammu	Jammu & Kashmir	300 kW
15.	Ranchi	Jharkhand	100 kW
16.	Bangalore	Karnataka	200 kW
17.	Dharwad	Karnataka	200 kW
18.	Jabalpur	Madhya Pradesh	200 kW
19.	Mumbai 'A'	Maharashtra	100 kW
20.	Mumbai 'B'	Maharashtra	100 kW
21.	Pune	Maharashtra	100 kW
22.	Jalandhar	Punjab	300 kW
23.	Ajmer	Rajasthan	200 kW
24.	Barmer	Rajasthan	20 kW
25.	Bikaner	Rajasthan	20 kW
26.	Suratgarh	Rajasthan	300 kW

Sr. No.	Place	State	Power of Transmitter
27.	Chennai (VB)	Tamil Nadu	20 kW
28.	Chennai 'A'	Tamil Nadu	200kW
29.	Tiruchirapalli	Tamil Nadu	100kW
30.	Lucknow	Uttar Pradesh	300 kw
31.	Varanasi	Uttar Pradesh	100 kW
32.	Kolkata A	West Bengal	100 kW
33.	Kolkata B	West Bengal	200 kW
34.	Chinsurah (Kolkata)	West Bengal	1000 kW
35.	Siliguri	West Bengal	200 kW
B. SW DRM Transmitters			
1.	Bangaluru	Karnataka	500 kW
2.	Delhi	Delhi	100 kW
3.	Delhi	Delhi	100 kW

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Annexure-II

State-Wise List of Analogue MW/SW Transmitters

S. N.	Place	State	Power
A. MW Transmitters			
1.	Cuddapah	Andhra Pradesh	100 kW
2.	Vishakhapatnam	Andhra Pradesh	100 kW
3.	Tezu	Arunanchal Pradesh	10 kW
4.	Ziro	Arunanchal Pradesh	1 kW
5.	Diphu	Assam	1 kW
6.	Guwahati	Assam	100 kW
7.	Kokrajhar	Assam	20 kW
8.	Silchar	Assam	20 kW
9.	Tezpur	Assam	20 kW
10.	Bhagalpur	Bihar	20 kW
11.	Darbhanga	Bihar	20 kW
12.	Ambikapur	Chattisgarh	20 kW
13.	Jagdalpur	Chattisgarh	100 kW
14.	Raipur	Chattisgarh	100 kW
15.	Panaji	Goa	20kW
16.	Ahwa	Gujarat	1 kW
17.	Bhuj	Gujarat	20 kW
18.	Himmatnagar	Gujarat	1 kW
19.	Rohtak	Haryana	20 kW
20.	Shimla	Himanchal Pradesh	100 kW
21.	Bhadrawati	Karnataka	20 kW
22.	Gulbarga	Karnataka	20 kW
23.	Mangalore / Udupi	Karnataka	20 kW
24.	Alappuzha	Kerala	200 kW
25.	Kozhikode	Kerala	100 kW
26.	Thiruvananthapuram	Kerala	20 kW
27.	Thrissur	Kerala	100 kW
28.	Bhopal	Madhya Pradesh	10 kW
29.	Chhatarpur	Madhya Pradesh	20 kW

S. N.	Place	State	Power
30.	Gwalior	Madhya Pradesh	20 kW
31.	Indore	Madhya Pradesh	200 kW
32.	Rewa	Madhya Pradesh	20 kW
33.	Jalgaon	Maharashtra	20 kW
34.	Mumbai	Maharashtra	50kW
35.	Nagpur	Maharashtra	300 kW
36.	Parbhani	Maharashtra	20 kW
37.	Ratnagiri	Maharashtra	20 kW
38.	Sangli	Maharashtra	20 kW
39.	Imphal	Manipur	300 kW
40.	Nongstoin	Meghalaya	1 kW
41.	Shillong	Meghalaya	100 kW
42.	Tura	Meghalaya	20 kW
43.	Williamnagar	Meghalaya	1 kW
44.	Aizawl	Mizoram	20 kW
45.	Saiha	Mizoram	1 kW
46.	Kohima	Nagaland	100 kW
47.	Mon	Nagaland	1 kW
48.	Tuensang	Nagaland	1 kW
49.	Bhawanipatna	Odisha	200 kW
50.	Cuttack	Odisha	300 kW
51.	Jeypore	Odisha	100 kW
52.	Sambalpur	Odisha	100 kW
53.	Dungarpur	Rajasthan	1 kW
54.	Jodhpur	Rajasthan	300 kW
55.	Kota	Rajasthan	20 kW
56.	Udaipur	Rajasthan	20 kW
57.	Gangtok	Sikkim	20 kW
58.	Chennai	Tamil Nadu	20 kW
59.	Coimbatore	Tamil Nadu	20 kW
60.	Madurai	Tamil Nadu	20 kW
61.	Tirunelveli	Tamil Nadu	20 kW
62.	Tuticorin	Tamil Nadu	200 kW
63.	Hyderabad	Telangana	200 kW
64.			20 kW
65.	Agartala	Tripura	20 kW

S. N.	Place	State	Power
66.	Dharmanagar	Tripura	1 kW
67.	Kavaratti	UT(Lakshadweep Island)	10 kW
68.	Port Blair	UT(A & N Island)	100 kW
69.	Delhi	UT(Delhi)	100 kW
70.	Kupwara	UT(Jammu & Kashmir)	20 kW
71.	Naushera	UT(Jammu & Kashmir)	20 kW
72.	Srinagar	UT(Jammu & Kashmir)	300 kW
73.			10 kW
74.	Diskit	UT(Ladakh)	1 kW
75.	Drass	UT(Ladakh)	1 kW
76.	Kargil	UT(Ladakh)	200 kW
77.			1 kW
78.	Khaltsi	UT(Ladakh)	1 kW
79.	Leh	UT(Ladakh)	20 kW
80.	Nyoma	UT(Ladakh)	1 kW
81.	Padum	UT(Ladakh)	1 kW
82.	Tiesuru	UT(Ladakh)	1 kW
83.	Pudducherry	UT(Pudducherry)	20 kW
84.	Agra	Uttar Pradesh	20 kW
85.	Gorakhpur	Uttar Pradesh	10 kW (Mobile)
86.	Najibabad	Uttar Pradesh	200 kW
87.	Prayagraj	Uttar Pradesh	20 kW
88.	Rampur	Uttar Pradesh	20 kW
89.	Almora	Uttarakhand	1 kW
90.	Gopeshwar	Uttarakhand	1 kW
91.	Pauri	Uttarakhand	1 kW
92.	Pithoragarh	Uttarakhand	1 kW
93.	Uttarkashi	Uttarakhand	1 kW

B. SW Transmitters			
S. N.	Place	State	Power
1.	Aizawl	Mizoram	10 kW
2.	Gangtok	Sikkim	10 kW
3.	Leh	Ladakh	10 kW
4.	Delhi	Delhi	250kW
5.	Srinagar	Jammu & Kashmir	50 kW
6.	Bangalore	Karnataka	500 kW
7.			500 kW
8.			500 kW
9.	Jeypore	Odisha	50kW
