

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2734
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.12.2021)**

COMMUNITY RADIO STATION

**2734. SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:
SHRI RODMAL NAGAR:**

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

- (a) the details and the number of public and private community radio stations operating across the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the details of the amount allocated and sanctioned by the Government for community radio stations during the last five years including the amount spent thereof; and
- (c) the number of community radio stations in the tribal areas in the States of Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan along with the steps being taken for their development?

ANSWER

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

- (a) At present, there are a total of 339 Community Radio Stations (CRS) operating across the country. Out of these 339 CRS, 65 are being operated by public entities and remaining 274 are being operated by not-for-profit private organizations/institutions. The details of these CRS are available on the Ministry's website https://mib.gov.in/all_broadcasting_documents.

(b) The details of amount allocated/sanctioned by the Government for Community Radio Stations during the last five years, including the amount spent thereof, are as follows:

Financial Year	Allocation (Rs. in crores)	Expenditure (Rs. in crores)
2016-17	3.43	1.36
2017-18	1.00	0.39
2018-19	2.60	1.26
2019-20	3.80	3.20
2020-21	2.12	1.20

(c) The number of Community Radio Stations in the tribal areas (districts), in the states of Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan are nine (09) and four (04) respectively. The Government of India has approved a Central Sector Scheme, namely ‘Supporting Community Radio Movement in India’, which envisages strengthening of new and existing Community Radio Stations (CRS) in the country, including Community Radio Stations in tribal areas, with resources, capacity and technology.
