

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 379
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.11.2021)**

COMMUNITY RADIO SERVICES

379. SHRI M. SELVARAJ

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

- (a) the details and the number of Community Radio Services in the country;
- (b) whether there is any proposal to expand it further; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) At present, there are 338 Community Radio Stations (CRS) operational in the country. Details of these CRS are available on the Ministry's website https://mib.gov.in/all_broadcasting_documents.

(b) and (c) The Government, has approved a Central Sector Scheme, namely "Supporting Community Radio Movement in India", to support the Community Radio sector. The objective of the scheme is to promote growth of the sector, especially in rural areas and North-Eastern Regions, and to strengthen new and existing Community Radio Stations with resources and capacity.