

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2138

(TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.03.2022)

AKASHWANI CENTRE

2138. SHRI ANIL FIROJIYA:

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

- (a) whether the 100 watt Akashwani Centre, sanctioned several year ago at industrial city of Nagda, situated in Ujjain is not functional;**
- (b) if so, the reasons behind non-functioning of the same since its sanction;**
- (c) whether the Government is contemplating to start the function of the said radio station;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (e) whether the Government has taken any steps to start the production of programmes and local broadcasting at Akashwani centre at Ujjain; and**

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING; AND

MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) to (d) A 100 W FM transmitter at Nagda was approved in Broadcasting Infrastructure and Network Development (BIND) Scheme. However, 100 W FM transmitters including transmitter for Nagda could not be procured due to cancellation of tender. Now, the procurement process of 100 W FM transmitter at Nagda has been initiated again.

(e) & (f) Presently, AIR Regional channel is available to the listeners in Ujjain from a 200 KW Medium Wave transmitter at AIR Indore at 648 kHz. The local programming needs and aspirations are met by the channel originating from AIR Indore.

Prasar Bharati is also having one 5 kW FM transmitter operational at Ujjain on 102.5 MHz carrying Vividh Bharati National Service. Presently, there is no other Scheme to augment the programme production facility at AIR Ujjain.
