

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4191
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.03.2022)

FM RADIO MALAYALAM

4191. SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government has noticed that no FM Radio Malayalam programmes are available anywhere in the Kasaragod district and only Kannada FM channel is available in the northern part of the Kasaragod district, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government proposes to take any steps to increase the transmission power of the nearest Malayalam FM Radio Station in Kannur FM radio services to avail Malayalam FM radio services in all parts of the district, if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons thereof;**
- (c) whether any proposals are pending approval for private radio stations including community radio stations in the Kasargod district; and**
- (d) if so, the reasons for the delay and the details of pending applications?**

ANSWER

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

(a): A 100 Watt FM Relay station is operational at Kasargod carrying AIR channel in Malayalam for localized coverage. FM broadcast follows line of sight and is not strictly bound by geographical boundaries. FM broadcast of FM transmitters at Madikeri and Udupi in adjacent districts in Karnataka is also available in some parts of Kasargod district.

(b): The transmission capacity of FM Radio Station at Kannur has been increased from 6 KW to 10 KW power.

(c) & (d): Three (3) private FM Radio Channels are kept for auction at Kasargod District, Kerala under the Policy Guidelines for expansion of FM Radio services through private agencies (Phase-III). There is no proposal for setting up of community radio station in Kasargod District.
