

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3043
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2024)**

COMMUNITY RADIO STATIONS IN MADHYA PRADESH

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Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government is implementing Community Radio Stations to encourage local community participation the broadcasting especially in Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) If so, whether the Government has established community radio stations in the districts of katni, Panna, and the town of khajuraho in the Khajuraho Lok Sabha constituency;
- (c) If so, the details there for and also the measures taken to make the stations more effective; and
- (d) If not, the reasons therefor and also the steps being taken to address the issue?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND
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(a) to (d)

The policy for setting up Community Radio Stations (CRS) was launched in December, 2002 by the Government. Since then, the guidelines have been periodically updated, with the latest version issued on 13.02.2024, which is available at website of Ministry of information and broadcasting i.e <https://mib.gov.in>. The community Radio Stations can be established by various Not-for-Profit organizations, educational institutions etc under the policy. The Government of India provides financial assistance for setting up Community Radio Stations and their repair- maintenance.

Currently, there are 528 Community Radio Stations operating across the country, including 47 in Madhya Pradesh. However, there are no Community Radio Stations in the districts of Katni, Panna, or the town of Khajuraho.

Government is increasing the awareness about the community radio stations by organizing conferences & workshops.