

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 4293

(TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.03.2025)

NEW FM STATION IN PATHANAPURAM

4293. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

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

- (a) whether the Government had previously announced the establishment of a new FM radio station in Pathanapuram, Kerala and if so, the details of the announcement including the proposed frequency and expected launch timeline;**
- (b) the current status of the project including the progress made in terms of infrastructure development, frequency allocation and licensing;**
- (c) whether any delays have occurred in the implementation of the FM station and if so, the reasons for the delay and the revised timeline for its operationalization;**
- (d) the estimated budget allocated for the establishment of the FM station and the funds released so far; and**

(e) whether the Government has any plans to expedite the project to ensure better radio coverage and communication services for the people of Pathanapuram and surrounding areas?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS**

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(a) to (e) : Presently, 14 Akashwani broadcasting stations are operational in Kerala state having total 19 transmitters of varying capacity. Most of the areas under Pathanapuram in Kollam district are covered by a 100W FM Relay station at Punalur (in that district). Akashwani channels are also available on DD Free Dish platform, NewsOnAIR mobile app and WAVES OTT platform, which can be accessed from anywhere on android and iOS platforms.
