GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5077 (TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.04.2025)

COMMUNITY RADIO STATIONS

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

- (a) the total number of community radio stations set up in the country, State-wise and district-wise for Andhra Pradesh along with the details of the scheme under which these are set up;
- (b) the total number of operational/commissioned community radio stations, State-wise till date;
- (c) the funds sanctioned and released under the scheme during each of the last three years particularly for the State of Andhra Pradesh; and
- (d) the total number of workshops conducted by the government under the scheme along with the number of beneficiaries who attended the same till date, State-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (Dr. L. MURUGAN)

(a) to (d): As of 27th March 2025, Government has sanctioned 532 Community Radio Stations across the country. The details of Community radio stations district and state-wise are available on the website of the ministry:

https://mib.gov.in/sites/default/files/2025-03/list-of-commissioned-community-radio-stations-in-india-as-on-27.03.2025-1.pdf.

Government regularly organizes workshops for promoting Community Radios and has organized 5 such workshops around the country so far in 2025.

The funds sanctioned and released under the Central Sector Scheme of Supporting Community Radio Movement in India for last three years is as under:

Year	Funds Sanctioned & released
2021-22	Rs. 1.30 Cr
2022-23	Rs. 1.53 Cr
2023-24	Rs. 2.60 Cr

One Community Radio Station in Andhra Pradesh sought financial assistance during this period and was duly provided assistance of Rs. 10 Lakh.
