

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 634
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.12.2025)

**UPGRADATION AND MODERNIZATION OF ALL INDIA RADIO STATION
AT KAVARATTI**

634. SHRI MUHAMMED HAMDULLAH SAYEED:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps for the upgradation and modernization of the All India Radio (AIR) Station at Kavaratti in the Union Territory of Lakshadweep;**
- (b) if so, the details of the proposed upgrades including improvements in transmission capacity, studio facilities and staffing;**
- (c) whether the Government is aware that the existing infrastructure at AIR Kavaratti is outdated and affects the quality and reach of broadcasting services to the island communities;**
- (d) if so, whether the Government is likely to take urgent steps to sanction funds and expedite the upgradation works in order to ensure uninterrupted and quality broadcasting services to the people of Lakshadweep; and**

(e) the timeline proposed by the Government for completing the upgradation of AIR Kavaratti?

ANSWER

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

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(a) to (e): In 2016, Government of India upgraded the All India Radio (AIR) Station at Kavaratti from 1 kW Medium Wave to a 10 kW Low Power Relay Station.

A 100 W Frequency Modulation (FM) relay setup is also operational at this station. A multipurpose studio has also been provided at the station for local programme production, along with digital recording facilities.

The upgradation and modernisation work of the All India Radio Station at Kavaratti has been completed.

Further, Prasar Bharati is broadcasting more than 260 AIR channels across the country, including Kavaratti, through the “NewsonAIR” mobile app. In addition, AIR channels are also available on the WAVES OTT platform.
