

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 860

(TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.02.2026)

SETTING UP OF NEW FM RADIO STATIONS IN KARNATAKA

860. SHRI KOTA SRINIVASA POOJARY:

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

- a) whether the Government proposes to set up new FM Radio stations and if so, the details thereof especially in Karnataka;
- b) whether the Government propose to set up FM Stations at three locations at Chikkamagalur District and if so, the details thereof;
- c) the time by which these FM stations are likely to be set up;
- d) the details of the FM radio stations functioning in Karnataka at present; and
- e) whether some of the FM stations sanctioned have not started services and if so, the details thereof especially in Karnataka?

ANSWER

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

(DR. L. MURUGAN)

(a) to (e) All India Radio (AIR) has 591 Broadcasting stations in the country, including 24 Akashvani FM stations in the State of Karnataka. Their details are available on the Prasar Bharati website <https://prasarbharati.gov.in/radio-network/>. Out of the 24 FM stations, a 100 W FM Relay Station at Sringeri in Chikkamagalur District is functional at present.

The Government has approved the establishment of 68 new Akashvani FM transmitters across the country under the Broadcasting Infrastructure and Network Development (BIND) Scheme for 2021-26. These transmitters are at various stages of implementation. Of these, 2 FM transmitters have been sanctioned in the State of Karnataka, namely Shimoga (10 kW) and Udupi (1 kW) under the scheme.
