

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 662
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.02.2016)**

FM RADIO TOWERS

**662. SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
DR. SUNIL BALIRAM GAIKWAD:
SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to install FM radio towers along international borders to counter anti-India propaganda;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) has requested the Government to sanction over two dozen radio FM towers in some selected pockets of the Indo-Nepal border for the purpose;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto; and
- (e) the time by which the same are likely to be sanctioned and installed?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND
BROADCASTING**

{COL RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (Retd.)}

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. Prasar Bharati has informed that 27 locations at border areas have been approved for installing FM transmitters under the 12th Plan. The details are given at **Annexure-A**.

(c) to (e) Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) has indicated 27 locations along India-Nepal Border where FM transmitters can be installed by Prasar Bharati. The details of these locations are given at **Annexure-B**. Prasar Bharati has informed that there is no approved scheme for installation of FM radio towers at the 27 locations identified by SSB. However, as per 12th Plan, 10 kW FM transmitters have been approved to be installed at 8 locations along Indo-Nepal Border areas subject to availability of land. The said scheme may take about three years of time on possession of land.

ANNEXURE AS REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 662 FOR ANSWER ON 26.02.2016.

Annexure-A

List of 27 AIR Transmitters along the border areas

S. No.	Place	STATE	Power of the proposed Transmitters
1.	Anini /Roing	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	1 kW FM
2.	Changlang	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	1 kW FM
3.	Khonsa	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	1 kW FM
4.	Karim ganj	ASSAM	1 kW FM
5.	Silchar	ASSAM	5 kW FM
6.	Bhuj	GUJARAT	5 kW FM
7.	Green Ridge (Uri Sector)	JAMMU & KASHMIR	10 kW FM
8.	Himbotingla (Kargil)	JAMMU & KASHMIR	10 kW FM
9.	Nathatop (Udhampur)	JAMMU & KASHMIR	10 kW FM
10.	Naushera	JAMMU & KASHMIR	10 kW FM
11.	Ukhrul	MANIPUR	1 kW FM
12.	Tura	MEGHALAYA	5 kW FM
13.	Dwaki	MEGHALAYA	1 kW FM
14.	Tuipang	MIZORAM	1 kW FM
15.	Champhai	MIZORAM	1 kW FM
16.	Phek	NAGALAND	1 kW FM
17.	Amritsar	PUNJAB	20 kW FM
18.	Fazilka	PUNJAB	20 kW FM
19.	Chauntan hill	RAJASTHAN	20 kW FM
20.	Tuticorin	TAMIL NADU	1 kW FM
21.	Longtherai	TRIPURA	5 kW FM
22.	Nutan bazar	TRIPURA	1 kW FM
23.	Champawat	UTTARAKHAND	1 kW FM
24.	Balurghat	WEST BENGAL	10 kW FM
25.	Darjeeling	WEST BENGAL	10 kW FM
26.	Koochbihar	WEST BENGAL	10 kW FM
27.	Krishnanagar	WEST BENGAL	10 kW FM

ANNEXURE AS REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 662 FOR ANSWER ON 26.02.2016

ANNEXURE – B

PROPOSED LOCATIONS OF FM RADIO STATIONS ON INDO-NEPAL & INDO-BHUTAN BORDER

S. No.	Proposed location for FM Station	INB/IBB	State	District
1	Geyzing	INB	Sikkim	W/Sikkim
2	Thakurganj or Kishanganj	INB	Bihar	Kishanganj
3	Jaigaon	IBB	West Bengal	Alipurduar
4	Kumargram	IBB	West Bengal	Alipurduar
5	Gandak Barrage	INB	Bihar	West Champaran
6	BOP Inerwa	INB	Bihar	West Champaran
7	Raxaul	INB	Bihar	East Champaran
8	BOP Bairstania	INB	Bihar	Sitamarhi
9	BOP Majorganj	INB	Bihar	Sitamarhi
10	BOP Sonbarsa	INB	Bihar	Sitamarhi
11	BOP Kanhwa	INB	Bihar	Sitamarhi
12	BOP Sursand	INB	Bihar	Sitamarhi
13	Jaynagar	INB	Bihar	Madhubani
14	BOP Laukaha	INB	Bihar	Madhubani
15	BOP Dhada	INB	Bihar	Supaul
16	BOP Satna	INB	Bihar	Supaul
17	BOP Jogbani	INB	Bihar	Araria
18	Tulsipur	INB	UP	Balrampur
19	Nowgarh	INB	UP	Siddarthnagar
20	Babaganj	INB	UP	Bahraich
21	Pithoragarh	INB	Uttarakhand	Pithoragarh
22	Tanakpur	INB	Uttarakhand	Champawat
23	Dharchulla	INB	Uttarakhand	Pithoragarh
24	Darranga	IBB	Assam	Baksa
25	Kajalgaon	IBB	Assam	Chirang
26	Tawang	IBB	Arunachal Pradesh	Tawang
27	Bomdila	IBB	Arunachal Pradesh	Bomdila

INB – Indo-Nepal Border

IBB – Indo-Bhutan Border

Note : - Language/Dialects of local populace-Nepali, Maithali, Tharu, Bhojpuri, Hindi etc.

