

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION No. 85
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.07.2016)**

COMMUNITY RADIO STATION FOR TRIBAL COMMUNITY

***85. SHRI SUBHASH PATEL**

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

(a) the salient features of Community Radio Stations (CRS) along with the number of operational CRS across the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for starting CRS for tribal community in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the states in which the said radio service has been started /likely to be started?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING
(SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU)**

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA
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(a) Community Radio Station (CRS) is a low-power radio station operated by the local community/local organisation for development communication. It provides an opportunity to the community to speak about issues concerning their lives. CRS operate on Frequency Modulation (FM), which is easily accessed by people on their radio sets or mobile phones.

At present 196 CRS are operational across the country. State/UT-wise details are at **Annexure.**

(b) & (C) Permission to set up Community Radio Station is granted under the Policy Guidelines for setting up of Community Radio Stations in India, issued in the year 2006. These guidelines are available at Ministry's website, www.mib.nic.in. Eligible organizations can apply for permission to set up CRS at any time in any part of the country including organizations working for tribal communities. Permission is granted, subject to fulfillment of eligibility criteria and receipt of clearances from Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Defence, Wireless Planning and Coordination Wing of Ministry of Communication & IT, Ministry of Human Resource Development and Ministry of Agriculture and, as the case may be.

Ministry is organizing awareness workshops in districts where no CRS exist i.e. CR dark districts. Organisations working in CR dark districts are invited in these workshops to ensure that Community Radio stations are set up in such areas.

ANNEXURE AS REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE LSSQ NO. 85 TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.07.2016**State/UT wise details of Operational Community Radio Stations in India**

Sr. No.	STATE/ UT	OPERATIONAL CRS
1	Andhra Pradesh	6
2	Arunachal Pradesh	Nil
3	Assam	3
4	Bihar	5
5	Chhattisgarh	3
6	Goa	Nil
7	Gujarat	6
8	Haryana	9
9	Himachal Pradesh	2
10	Jammu and Kashmir	1
11	Jharkhand	1
12	Karnataka	16
13	Kerala	9
14	Madhya Pradesh	15
15	Maharashtra	17
16	Manipur	Nil
17	Meghalaya	Nil
18	Mizoram	Nil
19	Nagaland	Nil
20	Orissa	10
21	Punjab	4
22	Rajasthan	8
23	Sikkim	Nil
24	Tamil Nadu	29
25	Telangana	7
26	Tripura	Nil
27	Uttarakhand	9
28	Uttar Pradesh	22
29	West Bengal	2
Union Territories		
30	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	Nil
31	Chandigarh	3
32	NCT of Delhi	6
33	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	Nil
34	Daman and Diu	Nil
35	Lakshadweep	Nil
36	Puducherry	3
GRAND TOTAL		196

