

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 598
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.07.2025)

AIR CENTRE IN MEERUT

598. SHRI ARUN GOVIL:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the All India Radio (Akashvani) centre was inaugurated in the year 2019 on Parikshitgarh Road in Meerut metropolis with a view to showcase the cultural and folk art, economy, politics and social life of Meerut through said station and farmers, industries, artists, poets etc. will also get a chance to showcase their art and the programmes will be made at local level;

(b) whether it is also a fact that during the last six years, said centre is relaying the programmes of Delhi centre only and no programmes are being made there at local level;

(c) whether the Government has any plan for programme production in the Meerut centre at Akashvani; and

(d) if so, the time by which the production of programmes are likely to be commenced in the Meerut centre at local level?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

(DR. L. MURUGAN)

(a) to (d): A 10 kW FM relay station of All India Radio (AIR) was commissioned at Meerut on 6th March, 2019. The station presently relays the FM Rainbow channel of Akashvani Delhi. However, listeners in Meerut and its adjoining areas benefit from a wide range of AIR content through multiple platforms.

Over 260 Akashvani channels, including FM Rainbow, Vividh Bharati, FM Gold, and 15 regional stations from Uttar Pradesh having studio facilities, are available through the 'NewsOnAIR' mobile app and website.

Moreover, 48 Akashvani channels are also accessible free-of-cost via DD Free Dish, ensuring reach even in remote and rural areas.
