

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1624
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.07.2025**

FM RADIO STATIONS.

1624. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:

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

- (a) the number of FM stations All India Radio and private FM radio stations operational in the country at present, State-wise;
- (b) Whether the Government proposes to issue new licenses to private companies in this sector;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the state-wise number of FM radio channels are likely to be launched further more in the Country including Jammu and Kashmir in the next three years;
- (d) the total revenue likely to be generated as a result of this;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to offer any concession to those channels; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(DR. L. MURUGAN)

(a) to (f)

At present, 585 Akashvani FM stations and 388 Private FM radio stations are operational in the country. The state-wise list of these stations is available on the ministry's website.

On 28th August 2024, Government approved the e-auction of 730 Private FM channels in 234 new uncovered cities including 3 channels in Jammu and Kashmir. State-wise details of these channels including reserve price are available on ministry's website.

Annual License fees for FM channels in 234 new uncovered cities shall be charged at 4% of Gross Revenue, excluding GST. Further the permission holders in the states of North East and UT of Jammu & Kashmir and Island territories will be charged 2% of Gross Revenue, excluding GST, for an initial period of three years from the date of operationalisation of the channel.
