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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether government have approved a Community Radio Scheme for the educational institutions;
- (b) if so, details thereof; and
- (c) the names of the educational institutions in the country particularly in Maharashtra, where these Community Radio Stations are to be set up during current year ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a)&(b) Govt. has decided to grant Licenses to recognised educational institutions, including Universities, and Institutes of Technology/Management, for setting up low power FM Community Radio Stations, as per the guidelines. These guidelines are also available on this Ministry's website: www.mib.nic.in.

(c) A number of institutions including three institutions from Maharashtra, namely (i) G.D.Sawant Arts, Science & BCS College, Nasik, (ii) Bhakti Kala Kshetra, Mumbai, (iii) Film & Television Institute of India, Pune, have applied for license for setting up a Community Radio Station.