

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government has made any analysis regarding the functioning of scheme for community radio broadcasting started by the Government for educational institutions;
- (b) if so, the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether any deficiency has been found in the scheme; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to remove the deficiencies?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R.DASMUNSI)

(a),(b),(c) & (d) A workshop for designing an enabling framework for Community Radio in India was organized by the Government in association with UNDP & UNESCO on 5th & 6th May 2004. The issue of Community Radio was also discussed in the meeting of the Consultative Committee of the MPs attached to the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting on 23rd November 2004. The deliberations of both the workshop and the Consultative Committee meeting have been taken into account while formulating a revised policy on Community Radio which has been referred to the Group of Ministers by the Cabinet.