

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1355
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FM RADIO
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to permit FM Radio Services in the private sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) Presently, twenty one private FM radio stations are in operation in the country. In addition, the Government has issued notice on 21st September, 2005, inviting pre-qualification bids from Indian companies for setting up radio service on 338 FM channels in 91 cities across the country.