

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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INCREASE IN BROADCASTING CAPACITY OF AIR IN GULBARGA  
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to increase the broadcasting capacity of All India Radio (AIR), Gulbaraga ;
- (b) if so, the extent to which it is likely to be increased; and
- (c) the details of programmes being broadcast by the said station at present to encourage local culture, agriculture, education and sports?

**Answer**

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

(a) and (b) : Yes Sir. Presently 20 kW MW transmitter and 1 kW FM transmitter are functioning at AIR Gulbarga. The 1kW FM transmitter would be replaced by 10 kW FM transmitter, subject to availability of funds.

(c) : The details of programmes being broadcast (on 20 kW MW Transmitter) to encourage local culture, agriculture, education and sports are as follows:-

Local Culture: Folk songs, Special Audience Programmes for Youth, Children and Women, Programme in Urdu, Radio Feature, Radio Play, Kirtan, Replies to listeners' letters, Bhakti Sangeet, Local News and Radio Reports on local functions.

Agriculture: Hints for Farmers and Programmes on agricultural production in the field of horticulture, animal husbandry, fisheries, cattle rearing and dairy development etc.

Education: Hindi lessons, IGNOU, Phone-in-Counseling programmes, Education programmes and Music lessons for children.

Sports: On Friday, 30 mts programme on sports, local coverage of sports events from time to time and interviews with the upcoming sports persons.

Regular programmes covering anniversaries and festivals of local importance are produced and broadcast.

1kW FM Transmitter also relays Vividh Bharati service as an entertainment channel.