

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

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FM RADIO STATIONS

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

- (a) whether the Government has decided to allow private companies to set up FM radio stations in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the private companies permitted to set up FM radio stations alongwith the number of radio stations allotted to these companies;
- (c) the details of the cities where these radio stations are proposed to be set up, State- wise; and
- (d) the time schedule allowed to these companies for establishment of radio station?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, Sir. In 1999, the government decided to allow private companies to set up FM radio stations in the country.
- (b) The requisite details are at Annexure-I.
- (c) The State-wise details are at Annexure- II.
- (d) The successful bidders are required to complete various formalities within nine months from the date of issue of Letter of Intent (LOI), issued on different dates in January 2006 and February, 2006, and sign the Grant of Permission agreement (GOPA) with Government of India. The FM stations have to be operationalised within 12 months from the date of signing of agreement.

Annexure -I

ANNEXURE-I REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION 3591 FOR 15.05.2006

Details of FM radio channels allocated to Private Companies

Name of the Company Number of Channels allotted

Adlabs Films Ltd.	45
Ananda Offset Pvt. Ltd.	1
Asianet Communication Ltd.	2
BAG Infotainment Pvt. Ltd.	10
Century Communication Ltd.	9
Chinar Circuits Ltd.	2
Clear Media (India) Pvt. Ltd.	1
Eastern Media Limited	2
Entertainment Network (India) Ltd.	32
Gwalior Farms Pvt. Ltd.	1
HT Music & Entertainment Co. Pvt. Ltd.	4
Indigo Mass Communications Pvt. Ltd.	2
ITM Softwares & Entertainment Pvt. Ltd.	1
Kal Radio Pvt. Ltd.	22
Kushal Global Ltd.	2
Malar Publications Pvt. Ltd.	7
Music Broadcast Pvt. Ltd.	20
Muthoot Finance Pvt. Ltd.	1
Neutral Publishing House Ltd.	2
Noble Broadcasting Corporation Pvt. Ltd	1
PAN India Network Infravest Pvt. Ltd.	8

Positiv Radio Pvt. Ltd.	4
Pudhari Publications Pvt. Ltd.	1
Purvy Broadcast Pvt. Ltd.	1
Radio Mid-Day West (India) Pvt. Ltd.	7
Radio Today Broadcasting Ltd.	7
Radio Today (Delhi)	1
Radio Today (Mumbai)	1
Radio Today (Kolkata)	1
Rajasthan Patrika Pvt. Ltd.	4
Rancka Fincom Pvt. Ltd.	1
Shri Puran Multimedia Ltd.	8
Singla Property Dealers Pvt. Ltd.	1
South Asia FM Pvt. Ltd.	23
Synergy Media Entertainment Ltd.	17
The Mathrubhumi Printing & Publishing Ltd.	4
The Malayala Manorama Co. Ltd.	4
Indian FM Pvt. Ltd.	1
Hitz FM Pvt. Ltd.	1

Total 262

Annexure II

ANNEXURE-II REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION 3591 FOR 15.05.2006

STATE/UT WISE DETAILS OF LOCATION OF PRIVATE FM CHANNELS

S.No. Name of State/UT City No. of available Channels

1	Andhra Pradesh	Hyderabad	4(1)
		Vijayawada	2
		Vishakapatnam	4(1)
		Rajamundri	2
		Tirupati	2
		Warangal	2
2	Arunachal Pradesh	Itanagar	1
3	Assam	Guwahati	4
4	Bihar	Patna	1
		Muzzafarpur	1
5	Chatisgarh	Bilaspur	2
		Raipur	4
6	Goa	Panaji	3
7	Gujarat	Surat	4
		Ahmedabad	5(1)
		Rajkot	3
		Vadodra	4
8	Haryana	Hissar	4
		Karnal	2
9	Himachal Pradesh	Shimla	3
10	Jammu & Kashmir	Srinagar	1
		Jammu	1
11	Jharkhand	Ranchi	4
		Jamshedpur	3
12	Karnataka	Bangalore	7(2)
		Gulbarga	2
		Mangalore	4
		Mysore	2
13	Kerala	Thiruvananthapuram	4
		Cochin	3
		Kozhikod	2
		Trissur	4
		Kannur	4
14	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal	4
		Indore	4(1)
		Jabalpur	4
		Gwalior	4
15	Maharashtra	Sholapur	2
		Mumbai	7(4)
		Pune	4(1)
		Nagpur	4
		Ahmednagar	3

Dhule	1
Jalgaon	3
Kolhapur	2
Nanded	2
Nasik	2
Sangali	1
Akola	2
Aurangabad	2
16 Meghalaya Shillong	2
17 Mizoram Aizwal	1
18 Orissa Rourkela	2
Bhubneshwar	
/Cuttack	3
19 Punjab Amritsar	4
Jalandhar	4
Patiala	4
20 Rajasthan Jaipur	5(1)
Ajmer	3
Jodhpur	4
Bikaner	1
Kota	3
Udaipur	3
21 Sikkim Gangtok	2
22 Tamil Nadu Chennai	8(2)
Tiruchy	2
Tirunelveli	3(1)
Tuticorin	3
Coimbatore	4(1)
Madurai	3
23 Tripura Agartala	1
24 Uttar Pradesh Lucknow	3(1)
Kanpur	3
Agra	3
Allahabad	3
Varanasi	4
Aligarh	1
Barelily	2
Gorakhpur	1
Jhansi	1
25 West Bengal Kolkatta	9(4)
Asansol	2
Siliguri	2
26 Delhi Delhi	8(3)
27 Chandigarh Chandigarh	2
28 Daman & Diu Daman	1
29 Pondicherry Pondicherry	3
Total	87 262(24)

#Figures in bracket indicate number of channels already operational.