

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1568
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RADIO STATION IN TAMIL NADU
Thummar Shri Virjibhai

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

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(a) whether the Government is aware that a 10 KW capacity radio station with a range of about 65 Km was set up in Dharmapuri in Tamil Nadu with a cost of Rs.4 crore but till date it has not started functioning due to shortage of staff;

(a) if so, the time likely to be taken in manning and commissioning this radio station;

(b) whether the Government propose to introduce FM Channel in this radio station in the interest of local people;

(c) if so, the time by which it is likely to be introduced; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) & (b) A full fledged Station(10 KW FM Transmitter with Studio) at Dharmapuri is technically ready. It has not been possible to commission the Station due shortage of Staff.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) & (e) The Station will start broadcast after the sanction of staff for operation and maintenance. No definite time frame can be prescribed at this stage.