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Title: Need to set up a studio in Kakinada's AIR Division and set up a 10 watts FM transmitter in Kakinada Parliamentary Constituency.

SHRI THOTA NARASIMHAM (KAKINADA): I would like to draw your attention towards the all India Radio 100 watts relay station at Kakinada, my parliamentary constituency. It was started on January 13, 2013 on the auspicious day of Bhogi, after a long waiting of nearly 30 years. The Kakinada AIR was announced in 1983 by the then Central Electronic Minister, Shri M.S. Sanjeev Rao. Foundation stone was laid by the NDA-led Government in April, 1998 by Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, the then Information and Broadcasting Minister.

The present AIR at Kakinada is operating with 100 watts needs to be expanded at once. This small AIR Division in Kakinada does not have any facility to make programmes. It broadcasts programmes made by other AIR Divisions for the people in the radius of four kms. who can hear it clearly.

I want to request the hon. Minister to set up 10 watts FM transmitter so that it can benefit 50 lakh people of East Godavari district and around 25 lakh people of West Godavari district. I would also request the hon. Minister to set up a studio in Kakinada's AIR Division so that tailor made programmes can be made according to the needs of both the districts. This will also help in encouraging the local talents.