

Cabinet

Cabinet approves rolling out Private FM Radio to 234 uncovered new cities / towns

Move likely to boost local content in mother tongue and create new employment opportunities

New areas covered include many Aspirational, LWE affected and border areas

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The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the proposal for conduct of 3rd batch of ascending e-auctions for 730 channels in 234 new cities with estimated reserve price of Rs.784.87 crore under Private FM Radio Phase III Policy.

State-wise list of the cities / towns and the number of Private FM channels approved for fresh auctions is enclosed as Annexure.

The Cabinet also approved the proposal to charge Annual License Fee (ALF) of FM channel as 4% of Gross Revenue excluding Goods and Services Tax (GST). This will be applicable for 234 new cities / towns.

The Private FM Radio rollout in 234 new cities / towns will fulfil the unmet demand for FM radio in these cities / towns, which still remain uncovered by Private FM radio broadcasting and bring new / local content in mother tongue.

It will lead to creation of new employment opportunities, boost to local dialect and culture and 'vocal for local' initiatives.

Many of the approved cities / towns are in Aspirational districts and LWE affected areas. Setting up of Private FM Radio in these areas will further strengthen Government outreach in these areas.

Annexure

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List of 234 New Cities/ Towns having 730 Channels

S. No.	Name of City / Town	Channels Available

Andaman & Nicobar		
1	Port Blair	3
Andhra Pradesh		
1	Adoni	3
2	Anantapuram	3
3	Bheemavaram	3
4	Chilakaluripet	3
5	Chirala	3
6	Chittoor	3
7	Cuddapah	3
8	Dharmavaram	3
9	Eluru	3
10	Guntakal	3
11	Hindupur	3
12	Kakinada	4
13	Kurnool	4
14	Machilipatnam	3
15	Madanapalle	3
16	Nandyal	3

17	Narasaraopet	3
18	Ongole	3
19	Proddatur	3
20	Srikakulam	3
21	Tadpatri	3
22	Vizianagaram	3
Assam		
1	Dibrugarh	3
2	Jorhat	3
3	Nagaon (Nowgang)	3
4	Silchar	3
5	Tezpur	3
6	Tinsukia	3
Bihar		
1	Arrah	3
2	Aurangabad	3
3	Bagaha	3
4	Begusarai	3
5	Bettiah	3

6	Bhagalpur	4
7	Bihar Sharif	3
8	Chhapra	3
9	Darbhanga	3
10	Gaya	4
11	Kishanganj	3
12	Motihari	3
13	Munger	3
14	Purnia	4
15	Saharsa	3
16	Sasaram	3
17	Sitamarhi	3
18	Siwan	3
Chhattisgarh		
1	Ambikapur	3
2	Jagdalpur	3
3	Korba	3
Daman & Diu		
1	Daman	3

Gujarat		
1	Amreli	3
2	Bhuj	3
3	Botad	3
4	Dahod	3
5	Gandhidham	3
6	Jetpur Navagadh	3
7	Patan	3
8	Surendranagar Dudhrej	3
Haryana		
1	Ambala	3
2	Bhiwani	3
3	Jind	3
4	Kaithal	3
5	Panipat	3
6	Rewari	3
7	Rohtak	3
8	Sirsa	3
9	Thanesar	3

J&K		
1	Anantnag	3
Jharkhand		
1	Bokaro Steel City	3
2	Deoghar	3
3	Dhanbad	4
4	Giridih	3
5	Hazaribag	3
6	Medninagar (Daltonganj)	3
Karnataka		
1	Bagalkot	3
2	Belgaum	4
3	Bellary	4
4	Bidar	3
5	Bijapur	4
6	Chikmagalur	3
7	Chitradurga	3
8	Davangere	4
9	Gadag Betigeri	3

10	Hassan	3
11	Hospet	3
12	Kolar	3
13	Raichur	3
14	Shimoga	4
15	Tumkur	3
16	Udupi	3
Kerala		
1	Kanhangad (Kasaragod)	3
2	Palakkad	3
Lakshadweep		
1	Kavaratti	3
Madhya Pradesh		
1	Betul	3
2	Burhanpur	3
3	Chhatarpur	3
4	Chhindwara	3
5	Damoh	3
6	Guna	3

7	Itarsi	3
8	Khandwa	3
9	Khargone	3
10	Mandsaur	3
11	Murwara (Katni)	3
12	Neemuch	3
13	Ratlam	3
14	Rewa	3
15	Sagar	4
16	Satna	3
17	Seoni	3
18	Shivpuri	3
19	Singrauli	3
20	Vidisha	3
Maharashtra		
1	Achalpur	3
2	Barshi	3
3	Chandrapur	4
4	Gondiya	3

5	Latur	4
6	Malegaon	4
7	Nandurbar	3
8	Osmanabad	3
9	Udgir	3
10	Wardha	3
11	Yavatmal	3
Manipur		
1	Imphal	4
Meghalaya		
1	Jowai	3
Mizoram		
1	Lunglei	3
Nagaland		
1	Dimapur	3
2	Kohima	3
3	Mokukchung	3
Odisha		
1	Baleshwar	3

2	Baripada	3
3	Berhampur	4
4	Bhadrak	3
5	Puri	3
6	Sambalpur	3
Punjab		
1	Abohar	3
2	Barnala	3
3	Bathinda	3
4	Firozpur	3
5	Hoshiarpur	3
6	Ludhiana	4
7	Moga	3
8	Muktsar	3
9	Pathankot	3
Rajasthan		
1	Alwar	4
2	Banswara	3
3	Beawar	3

4	Bharatpur	3
5	Bhilwara	4
6	Chittaurgarh	3
7	Churu	3
8	Dhaulpur	3
9	Ganganagar	3
10	Hanumangarh	3
11	Hindaun	3
12	Jhunjhunu	3
13	Makrana	3
14	Nagaur	3
15	Pali	3
16	Sawai Madhopur	3
17	Sikar	3
18	Sujangarh	3
19	Tonk	3
Tamil Nadu		
1	Coonoor	3
2	Dindigul	3

3	Karaikudi	3
4	Karur	3
5	Nagarcoil / Kanyakumari	3
6	Neyveli	3
7	Pudukkottai	3
8	Rajapalayam	3
9	Thanjavur	3
10	Tiruvannamalai	3
11	Vaniyambadi	3
Telangana		
1	Adilabad	3
2	Karimnagar	3
3	Khammam	3
4	Kothagudem	3
5	Mahbubnagar	3
6	Mancherial	3
7	Nalgonda	3
8	Nizamabad	4
9	Ramagundam	3

10	Suryapet	3
Tripura		
1	Belonia	3
Uttar Pradesh		
1	Akbarpur	3
2	Azamgarh	3
3	Badaun	3
4	Bahraich	3
5	Ballia	3
6	Banda	3
7	Basti	3
8	Deoria	3
9	Etah	3
10	Etawah	3
11	Faizabad / Ayodhya	3
12	Farrukhabad cum Fatehgarh	3
13	Fatehpur	3
14	Ghazipur	3
15	Gonda	3

16	Hardoi	3
17	Jaunpur	3
18	Lakhimpur	3
19	Lalitpur	3
20	Mainpuri	3
21	Mathura	3
22	Maunath Bhanjan (Distt. Mau)	3
23	Mirzapur cum Vindhyachal	3
24	Moradabad	4
25	Muzaffarnagar	4
26	Orai	3
27	Raebareli	3
28	Saharanpur	4
29	Shahjahanpur	4
30	Shikohabad	3
31	Sitapur	3
32	Sultanpur	3
Uttarakhand		
1	Haldwani cum Kathgodam	3

2	Haridwar	3
West Bengal		
1	Alipurduar	3
2	Baharampur	4
3	Balurghat	3
4	Bangaon	3
5	Bankura	3
6	Barddhaman	4
7	Darjiling	3
8	Dhulian	3
9	English Bazar (Maldah)	4
10	Kharagpur	3
11	Krishnanagar	3
12	Puruliya	3
13	Raiganj	3
234	Total	730

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