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MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
(LOK SABHA)

Thrissur
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No. MP/TSR/GEN/516/2020

Hon'ble Minister,

Sub: - All India Radio Thrissur- Old MW transmitters of 1990's – up gradation to new modern DRM Transmitters request for intervention reg.

Kind attention is invited to the matter cited above. All India Radio Thrissur in my parliamentary constituency is facing a threat of close down which would be a blow to the cultural capital of Kerala. All India Radio Thrissur Medium Wave (MW) transmission has been going on since 1994 using a BEL make HMB 140 Transmitter (100 KW) and serving the public without break. It has already outlived its normal service period.

It is learnt that Prasarbharati is thinking to close down these old medium wave transmitters of 1990's without replacing or modernizing them.

Thrissur is the cultural capital of Kerala. All India Radio Thrissur satisfying the public of Thrissur, Malapuram, Palakkad and Ernakulam by catering educative, informative and entertainment programmes for the last 26 years. It also serves as an effective communication medium for the fisheries community who ventures in the sea for fishing, in the coastal belt.

The existence of Medium Wave transmission is essential for disaster management for fisheries community who venture deep in the sea. We still do not have an economic, all weather, and reliable system for giving warning to the fishermen in the sea. During the disastrous OKHI CYCLON, one of the reasons for the loss of life was that we could not give warning signals to the fishermen who had already in the ocean. The Medium Wave Radio will be function as a disaster Warning System. National Disaster Management Authority in co-ordination with coast guard, Navy, Kerala State Fisheries Department, Prasarbharati and the Kerala State Disaster Management Authority had done an extensive survey on efficiency of MW radio as a disaster warning and management tool of Kerala coast.

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The signals can be received to a greater distance of 200 Nautical Miles with augmented transmission capacity. The report recommended the MW transmitters of AIR as a most economic and reliable mode.

Hence I kindly request you to intervene in this issue and replace old MW transmitter with modern DRM transmitter.

I expect you will consider this request positively and take a favourable action for protecting All India Radio Thrissur.

Thanking you,

Yours Truly, -



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To,

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