

- **Frequently asked Questions related to setting up of Community Radio Station.**

**Q 1: What is Community Radio Station?**

**Ans. 1:** Community Radio Stations (CRS) is a low-power FM Radio Station having coverage in a range of 10 to 15Kms radius. The CRS can be set-up by eligible organizations such as “not-for profit” educational institutions, NGOs, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, ICAR institutions etc.

**Q 2: Are there any guidelines for setting up CRS?**

**Ans. 2:** The Government of India has laid the [Policy Guidelines for setting-up of Community Radio Station](#). The Policy Guidelines are available on the website of the Ministry: [www.mib.gov.in](http://www.mib.gov.in)

**Q 3 : Can a CRS be established in any part of India?**

**Ans. 3:** Yes. The CRS can be established in any part of India provided the frequency spot is available at that location.

**Q 4: Who are not eligible to establish a community Radio Station?**

**Ans. 4:** Individuals, political parties and their affiliate organizations, organizations operating with a motive to earn profit, organizations expressly banned by Union and State Governments are not eligible to run the Community Radio Stations.

**Q 5: How Can I apply for the permission for setting up CRS?**

**Ans. 5:** The permission for setting up a CRS can be obtained by eligible organizations by submitting [application forms](#) available on the website of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting [www.mib.gov.in](http://www.mib.gov.in).

**Q 6:** How much Capital Investment is required to start a Community Radio Stations?

**Ans. 6:** For setting up of a CRS, an approximate cost of capital investment is Rs. 15 lakhs. However, the Capital cost depends upon the type of equipment installed at the CRS.

**Q 7:** There is a CRS in my locality/town/district can I also apply for CRS.

**Ans 7:** Yes, in a given area, maximum 5 nos. of Community Radio Stations can be operated.

**Q 8:** What are the steps in setting up of community Radio Stations?

**Ans 8:** The detailed steps in setting up of CRS are given [here](#).

**Q9:** For how many years the permission is granted?

**Ans 9:** Initially, the permission for setting up of CRS is given for a period of 5 years. Later, the permission is extended for 5 years at a time.

**Q10.:** Is there any application fee for CRS application?

**Ans 10:** Yes, an amount of Rs. 2500 is required to be paid online through Bharat Kosh Portal: [www.bharatkosh.gov.in](http://www.bharatkosh.gov.in)