

Chapter II
Summary of Issues for Consultation

Q 1. What should be the period of permission for CRS to be prescribed in the CRS Guidelines? Is the present 5 year period adequate?

- **We are in sync and agreement with the existing policies. A single window redressal and renewal system would be welcomed.**

Q 2. What should be the period of extension on the expiry of the initial period of permission for CRS?

- **We are in agreement with the existing policies. Only if we could have a single window redressal and renewal system.**

Q 3. Should there be any additional terms and conditions of extension/renewal of the permission for CRS?

- **We are in agreement with the existing policies and system. A single window redressal and renewal system would be appreciated.**

Q 4. Should CRS permission holders be permitted to carry the news bulletins of All India Radio (AIR) in unaltered format and community based non-news and current affairs programs for the categories permitted to FM radio stations?

- **Definitely. News should be sourced from the AIR and live traffic and weather updates can be done by CRS themselves.**

Q 5. In view of the availability of alternative revenue/funding options, is there any reason to increase the duration of advertisement beyond the 5 minutes per hour limitation? If yes, please explain with full justification.

- **No, five minutes is enough for sustenance. All that is needed is support from the local authorities.**

Q 6. Do you agree with the above proposal for utilisation of CRS during natural calamities/emergency situations?

- **Definitely, it will help serve the community.**

Q 7. What, in your opinion, are the measures required to ensure a faster growth in the number and spread of CRS in rural India?

- **Easier norms and relaxed waiting period.**

Q 8. Stakeholders may also provide their comments on any other issue relevant to the present consultation.

- **Increased/mandatory/voluntary participation of local authorities/government**
- **Instructions on advertising/budget releasing by govt offices**
- **Relaxation in reach areas, somewhat similar to private radio operators**

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