

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2099
ANSWERED ON:04.08.2000
EXPANSION NETWORK OF AIR
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH;UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to expand the network of AIR correspondents in different districts of the country;
- (b) whether AIR correspondents are not active in their areas ;
- (c) if so ,the details thereof and the steps have been taken to appoint more AIR correspondents all over the country;
- (d) whether any areas have been identified by AIR to appoint more correspondents;
- (e) if so ,the details thereof and the steps taken to strengthen the AIR network; and
- (f) the number of AIR correspondents at present in the country, State-wise ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) to (e) Prasar Bharati has informed that a proposal for expanding the network of AIR Part time Correspondents is under consideration. The details are yet to be finalised. However, no adverse report on the functioning of existing AIR Correspondents have been received by Prasar Bharati .

(f) The number of AIR Correspondents and Part time Correspondents working at present in the country is given in Annexure .

ANNEXURE as referred to in reply to part (f) of Lok Sabha unstarred Question No. 2099 for 4.8.2000 .

Sl.No. Name of State No. of correspondents No. of PTCs

1.	ASSAM	3	3
2.	ANDHRA PRADESH	3	11
3.	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	1	NIL
4.	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR	1	NIL
5.	BIHAR	4	26
6.	GOA	1	NIL
7.	GUJARAT	3	6
8.	HARYANA	2	9
9.	HIMACHALPRADESH	1	6
10.	JAMMU & KASHMIR	3	6
11.	KARNATAKA	3	6
12.	KERALA	3	8
13.	MADHYA PRADESH	2	8
14.	MAHARASHTRA	4	11
15.	MANIPUR	2	NIL
16.	MEGHALAYA	1	NIL
17.	MIZORUM	1	2

18.	NAGALAND	1	NIL
19.	ORISSA	3	11
20.	PUNJAB	3	9
21.	PONDICHERRY	1	1
22.	RAJASTHAN	3	10
23.	SIKKIM	1	NIL
24.	TAMILNADU	3	9
25.	TRIPURA	1	2
26.	UTTAR PRADESH	5	14
27.	WEST BENGAL	4	19
28.	DELHI	14	NIL