

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6308  
ANSWERED ON:05.05.2000  
TERMINATION OF SERVICES OF NEWS READERS  
BHAWANA GAWALI (PATIL)

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

- (a) whether the Doordarshan has terminated several news readers who were on pay role of Doordarshan for the last several years;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Doordarshan has hired services of some professionals to read the news who were not found fit by the electronic media; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT

(SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a)&(b). News Readers in Doordarshan are engaged on casual assignment basis. After evaluating the performance of the casual News Readers through an expert committee appointed by Prasar Bharati, some of the casual News Readers, who were in the earlier panel, did not get empanelled for the current year. However, services of none of the regular News Readers who are on the pay rolls of Prasar Bharati have been terminated.

(c). No, Sir

(d). Does not arise.