

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

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PRIVATISATION/JOINT VENTURISATION OF METRO CHANNEL

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

- (a) whether the Group of six Officers has been constituted by the Prasar Bharati to examine the feasibility of privatisation/joint venturisation of Metro Channel;
- (b) if so, whether the said Group of Officers has submitted its report;
- (c) if so, the details of the recommendations made by the said Group;
- (d) the steps taken by the Prasar Bharati on the recommendations made by the said Group; and
- (e) the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken by the Government to private the Metro Channel?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a), (b), (c), (d) & (e) : Prasar Bharati had constituted a committee of officers to review the functioning and structure of Doordarshan Metro Channel. It was an inhouse exercise to suggest improvements in the functioning of various channels of Doordarshan. The Committee has submitted its recommendations, which are being considered by Prasar Bharati Board.