GOVERNMENT OF INDIA INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3330 ANSWERED ON:13.03.2003 ANNUAL EXPENDITURE OF PRASAR BHARATI NAWAL KISHORE RAI;SUSHIL KUMAR INDORA

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

(a) whether the annual expenditure of Prasar Bharati is exceeding its proceeds;

(b) if not, the average annual income earned and the expenditure incurred by it;

(c) the break-up of the sources of income of Prasar Bharati;

(d) whether the potential of these sources has been explored to realise more income therefrom; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): Break up of sources of income and expenditure incurred is given at Annexure.

(d) & (e): Yes, Sir. Commercial Revenue is the major source of Prasar Bharati's Revenues.Hence efforts are being made to augment this source through setting up of Marketing Division in important cities; direct contact with Government Departments for tapping the Government business etc. Periodic meetings are also held at various levels to look for avenues to augment and monitor the flow of revenue.

ANNEXURE AS REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (b) & (c) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No 3330 T ANSWERED ON 13/03/2003

(Rs. in crore)

SOURCE YEAR

2000-01 2001-02 2002-03 (up to Jan. 03)

Commercial Receipt 637.51 615.20 437.69 Non-Commercial Receipt 3.53 1.09 4.43 Total Receipt 641.04 616.29 442.12 Total Expenditure 1580.87 1662.61 1196.53