

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

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PAY ANOMALIES WITH RADIO ANNOUNCERS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Radio Announcers are not being treated at par with the Engineering and Programme Personnel of Prasar Bharati;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether successive Pay Commissions have maintained parity in pay scale of these personnel; and
- (d) if so, the reasons for not providing pay scale to Announcers of Prasar Bharati at par with the engineering and programme personnel?

Answer

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

- (a)&(b) : The pay scales of different categories of Staff in All India Radio (AIR) including the Announcers and employees of Subordinate Engineering & Programme Cadres of Prasar Bharati, are dependent on the nature of duties and responsibilities attached to the respective posts. The posts of Announcers and those belonging to subordinate Engineering & Programme Cadres carry different pay scales.
- (c) : The successive Pay Commissions have recommended replacement pay scales for Announcers as well as for Subordinate Engg. & Programme Cadre Employees. Replacement scales have already been given to the employees of these cadres.
- (d) : Does not arise.