

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

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PRASAR BHARATI

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

(a) the aims and objects of Prasar Bharati;

(b) whether the Government is considering for full funding of Prasar Bharati on the lines of other independent institutions like UPSC, Election Commission of India etc.; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRIS. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) to (c) : Prasar Bharati is a public broadcaster, engaged in not only transmitting news, but also in producing creative programmes for the purpose of both education and entertainment. It cannot, therefore, be compared to UPSC or Election Commission. However, Government will provide such funds as are required to enable Prasar Bharati to fulfill its mandate.