

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3246
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RECRUITMENT OF ANCHORS/REPORTERS ON DD NEWS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether anchors/reporters and others on temporary posts were recruited in Doordarshan news on a large scale since November, 2003 and afterwards;
- (b) if so, whether they were given higher pay scale than what is permissible;
- (c) if so, whether Doordarshan news had to incur huge expenses as a result thereof;
- (d) if so, whether the Government propose to conduct an enquiry in this regard;
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor,
- (f) whether reservation rules in the above appointments were also not followed;
- (g) if so, whether the Government propose to implement reservation policy in appointments; and
- (h) if so, the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

- (a) Some Anchors/Reporters have been engaged on assignment basis since 2002. Their engagement is on contract basis and not against any regular post.
- (b) Prasar Bharati informs that fee to be paid to persons engaged on contract basis is decided by Prasar Bharati taking into account the market situation and other allied factors.
- (c) According to Prasar Bharati, the fee being paid to the Anchors/ Reporters is quite commensurate with the experience of the individuals concerned.
- (d) & (e): No, Sir, The contractual assignments were done in accordance with the procedure decided for the purpose by Prasar Bharati.
- (f) The engagement of Anchor cum Reporter is purely on professional grounds and not against any post for which recruitment is held. In view of this, and also having regard to the fact that there is no post of Anchor/ Reporter against which the professional media experts have been engaged, no reservation was made while obtaining the services of outside personnel on assignment basis.
- (g) & (h) Does not arise.