GOVERNMENT OF INDIA INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4486 ANSWERED ON:22.12.2005 JV RIGHTS BETWEEN PRASAR BHARATI AND BCCI Singh Shri Sugrib

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

(a) whether the Prasar Bharati acquired JV rights from BCCI for five years with effect from 1999;

(b) if so, the term and conditions for payments fixed;

(c) whether installments due were paid as per the terms and conditions fixed;

(d) if not, the details of payments delayed by the Prasar Bharati during the said period;

(e) the reasons for delay in payments;

(f) the details of interest paid to BCCI for such delayed payments; and

(g) the steps taken to make such payments in time by the Prasar Bharati in future?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. DASMUNSI)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Prasar Bharati has informed that the Agreement required Prasar Bharati to pay a rights fee of Rs. 46 crores per annum to the BCCI for the period of the contract subject to pro-rata deductions on account of reduction in the number of playing days/hours of play.

(c), (d) and (e): Yes, Sir. Prasar Bharati has informed that the delay in payment of an amount of Rs.161 crores was mainly on account of non-availability of sufficient funds and non-submission of invoices by BCCI.

(f): Rs. 141.78 lakhs.

(g): Ensuring availability of adequate funds to meet such liabilities.