

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the daily honorarium for casual news readers / translators / editors in AIR has been increased recently;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) Whether the Government proposes to increase the daily honorarium of casual Hindi News Editors working in Doordarshan News like-wise, both being under Prasar Bharati; and
- (d) If not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. The daily honorarium for Casual News Readers / Translators and Casual News Editors in AIR has been increased w.e.f. 1st April, 2006.

(c) & (d) No, Sir. The rate of fee of Casual News Editors in Doordarshan News has recently been increased from Rs. 740/- to Rs. 858/- per day/per shift for compiling major news bulletins in the National Network (including Hindi). The rate of fee of Casual Assistant News Editor for Assistance in Editorial work including Hindi and Urdu and other regional languages from Delhi and regional news units functioning at various Doordarshan Kendras has also been increased from Rs. 635/- to Rs. 670/- per day/per shift.