

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

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FINANCIAL STATUS OF PB
Pangi Shri Jayaram

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

- (a) whether the gap between income and expenditure of Prasar Bharati has been continuously widening;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to bridge this gap?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING(Dr. S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN)

(a) & (b) Prasar Bharati has informed that there has been a significant increase in expenditure during the last two years and the current year on account of the implementation of the recommendations of 6th CPC, even while there has been growth in revenue earned by Prasar Bharati. The details of expenditure incurred and revenue generated during the recent years are as follows:

(Rs. in crore)

Budget head	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
(upto Sept.10)				
Expenditure				

Non-Plan	1535.90	2233.21	2718.80	1153.78
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Revenue Plan	264.08	70.44	79.39	21.22
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Capital	257.94	215.23	150.62	30.05
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Total	2057.92	2518.88	2948.81	1205.05
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Revenue

IEBR	1035.86	1096.78	1176.26	466.03
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Prasar Bharati being a public service broadcaster has to perform as per the mandate on broadcasting and in accordance with established norms. Section 17 of Prasar Bharati Act provides that Government would make available financial support for the purpose of enabling the Corporation to discharge its functions efficiently under the Act by way of equity, grant-in-aid or loan.