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LOK SABHA**

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ROADMAP FOR FUNCTIONING OF PB
Das Shri Khagen

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to formulate new roadmap for improving the functioning of the Prasar Bharati (PB);
- (b) if so, the details and the purpose thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the said initiative is likely to be made effective?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C. M. JATUA)

(a) to (c) The Government has re-constituted a Group of Ministers (GoM) to examine various issues pertaining to the functioning of Prasar Bharati. The GoM has made several recommendations on capital and financial restructuring, funding pattern, manpower issues, including constitution of Recruitment Board, formulation of Recruitment Rules and filling up of vacancies, and demand of employee organizations of Prasar Bharati. Follow up actions on these recommendations are underway. The GoM has also directed the Ministry to review the Prasar Bharati Act in a comprehensive manner and propose amendments based on the experience and developments since the creation of Prasar Bharati. Pursuant to this, the Ministry has formulated a proposal for amending the Prasar Bharati Act, which will be placed before the GoM for its consideration. While considering the demands of employee organizations, the GoM recommended that a Committee of four Joint Secretaries may be constituted to look into various issues relating to disparity in pay scales of employees of Prasar Bharati. The Committee has since submitted its Report, which will also be placed before GoM for its further recommendations in the matter.