

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:285

ANSWERED ON:23.08.2011

MANPOWER IN AIR/DD

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

(a) whether the Government/Prasar Bharati proposes to create adequate manpower for the operation and maintenance of All India Radio Stations and Doordarshan Kendras newly set up/proposed to be set up in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government has taken note of the rise in the operational cost of Doordarshan Kendras during the last three years; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the corrective action being taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING(SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT AS REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 285 FOR ANSWER ON 23.08.2011.

(a) to (c): The total requirement of manpower for the various newly sanctioned projects of AIR and Doordarshan indicated by Prasar Bharati is 8018 nos. The total number of posts required for Operation and Maintenance (O&M) of the new projects in AIR is 2183 and for those in Doordarshan is 5835.

A total of 3452 posts including O&M posts, lying vacant have been identified as essential categories of posts in Prasar Bharati for filling up on priority basis. In this regard, the Group of Ministers on Prasar Bharati has approved a proposal of this Ministry for filling up the essential category of posts in consultation with the Ministry of Finance.

(d) and (e): There is an increase in the operational cost of Doordarshan Kendras during the past 3 years mainly because of increase in Salary, Dearness Allowance and grant of benefit of Modified Assured Career Progression Scheme to the employees. The details of operational cost of Doordarshan during the last 3 years are as under:-

(Rs. In crores)

Item	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Non-Plan Expenditure	1204.44	1276.32	1339.76
Revenue Expenditure	68.48	79.39	61.27
Capital Plan Expenditure	160.85	65.29	68.10
Total	1433.77	1421.00	1469.13

Prasar Bharati, of which Doordarshan is a constituent, has achieved a growth rate of about 10% in its revenue earnings in the year 2010-11 over 2009-10. Keeping in view the revenue projections of Prasar Bharati, the Group of Ministers on Prasar Bharati has recommended that during the next 5 years, i.e. from 2011-12 to 2015-16, Government Non-Plan Support would be extended for meeting 100% expenses on account of Salary and Salary related expenses and augmentation / replacement of Capital Assets. The remaining items of operating expenditure are to be borne by Prasar Bharati from out of its Revenue Earnings. These steps are targeted at enabling Doordarshan to meet the rise in the operational cost.