

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

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OUTSTANDING DUES OF DD/AIR
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Doordarshan (DD) and All India Radio(AIR) owe dues to various Ministries/Departments;
- (b) if so, the details of such dues and the names of the Government Departments/Ministries to which the outstanding amount is payable by DD and AIR, DD/AIR-wise;
- (c) the period since when the dues are payable and the reasons therefor;
- (d) the steps being taken by the DD/AIR to settle such dues; and
- (e) the total profit earned by the DD/AIR during each of the last three years and the current year, DD/AIR-wise?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Prasar Bharati has informed that the total amount of 1305.02 crore as on 31.3.2011 is due to various Ministries/Departments by AIR/DD as per details given below:-

(in crore)

| Ministry/ Department of Communication and Information Technology | WPC Wing, Department of Telecommunication | Department of Space/ISRO | Total dues |
|--|---|--------------------------|------------|
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| | Spectrum Charges | Space segment charges | |
|-------|------------------|-----------------------|---------|
| AIR | 32.40 | 178.71 | 211.11 |
| DD | 447.28 | 646.63 | 1093.91 |
| Total | 479.68 | 825.34 | 1305.02 |

(d): The dues are mainly on account of Space Segment and Spectrum Charges. GoM on Prasar Bharati has recommended that such outstandings upto 31.3.2011 be waived.

(e): Prasar Bharati being a public service broadcaster, has to perform as per the mandate on broadcasting and in accordance with established norms. Therefore, its functioning is not principally guided by commercial motives. However, the details of revenue generated by AIR/DD for the last three years and the current year are given below:-

(in crore)

| Year | Net DD AIR Resources | Commercial | Other | Total |
|----------|----------------------|------------|--------|---------|
| 2008-09 | 737.05 | 194.42 | 69.44 | 1000.91 |
| 2009-10 | 828.48 | 215.92 | 102.03 | 1146.43 |
| 2010-11# | 944.44 | 257.39 | 74.60 | 1276.43 |
| 2011-12 | 207.85 | 110.71 | 10.11 | 328.67 |

(upto June 2011)

subject to reconciliation