

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1828

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SHORTAGE OF STAFF IN DD/AIR

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

- (a) whether the functioning of Doordarshan (DD) and All India Radio (AIR) have been curtailed due to shortage of staff at every level;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Prasar Bharati has drawn up a detailed action plan to recruit more staff in DD and AIR and address the various issues concerning the service conditions of the employees;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the success achieved by the Prasar Bharati in addressing the various issues concerning recruitment and working conditions in Prasar Bharati.

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING (SHRI MANISH TIWARI)

(a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e): The Group of Ministers recommended filling up of 3452 critical posts in Prasar Bharati (Doordarshan and All India Radio). Out of these 3452 posts, approval of Ministry of Finance has been obtained for filling up of 1150 posts, in the first phase.

The Government has taken the following steps to improve the service conditions of employees of Prasar Bharati:-

(i) The Government has recently amended Section 11 of the Prasar Bharati Act, 1990 which provides that all the regular employees belonging to the cadres borne on Akashvani and Doordarshan (AIR and DD) who were recruited before 05.10.2007 shall serve in Prasar Bharati on deemed deputation till retirement and would be entitled to pay and all other benefits admissible to an employee of the Government. The amendment further provides that the employees recruited after 05.10.2007 shall be Prasar Bharati employees.

(ii) Departmental Promotional Committees are being held for filling up of vacant promotional posts in AIR and DD;

(iii) Financial upgradation under Modified Assured Career Progression Scheme has also been granted to the eligible employees.