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VACANT POSTS IN PRASAR BHARATI  
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a large number of posts are lying vacant in Prasar Bharati;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to fill-up the Vacant posts;
- (d) whether Prasar Bharati is in a position to bear the salary and other expenditure of the additional staff proposed to be recruited; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the steps being taken thereon?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI MANISH TEWARI)

(a) & (b): As on 01.12.2012, there are approximately 16,267 posts vacant in All India Radio and 6,186 posts vacant in Prasar Bharati. The details are indicated in the table:

Group	Number of	Vacant Posts
All India Radio	Doordarshan	

A 1362 724

B 1584 1140

C 4863 2871

D 2272 1451

Total 10081 6186

The vacancies have arisen due to retirement, resignation and death of employees. Also, very little recruitment has taken place against these vacancies since the constitution of Prasar Bharati in the year 1997.

(c): The steps taken to fill up the vacant posts are as follows:-

(1) The Group of Ministers (GOM) on Prasar Bharati has recommended for filling up 3452 essential category of posts in consultation with Department of Expenditure. The Department of Expenditure has approved filling up of 1150 posts in the first phase.

(2) Pending setting up of Prasar Bharati Recruitment Board, the Government has approved a proposal for undertaking recruitment for Group B & C posts, through the Staff Selection Commission (SSC), as a onetime special dispensation, subject to terms and conditions laid down by the Department of Personnel & Training (DOP&T) and Department of Legal Affairs;

(3) The Government has approved Recruitment Regulations in respect of the following six essential categories of posts:

- (i) Programme Executive
- (ii) Transmission Executive
- (iii) Engineering Assistant
- (iv) Technician
- (v) Cameramen Grade II
- (vi) Head Clerk/Assistant

(4) Prasar Bharati has initiated the process of recruitment through SSC in respect of above categories of posts. In respect of the four categories mentioned at para 3

- (i) to
- (iv) in the previous paragraph, covering about 2754 posts, SSC has already conducted examination.

(5) Recruitment process will be set in motion in respect of the Group A Posts, once the Recruitment Board is set up.

(d) & (e): At present, Prasar Bharati is not in a position to meet its entire expenditure from out of its internal revenue earnings.

Based on recommendations of the GOM, Government has approved a financial restructuring package for Prasar Bharati. According to this, during the five year period from 2012-13 to 2016-17, Government non-plan support will be extended to Prasar Bharati for meeting 100% expenses towards salaries and salary related expenses. All other operating expenses are to be borne by Prasar Bharati out of its internal revenue earnings.