

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

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

- (a) whether the casual announcers are employed by All India Radio in many of its radio stations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and since when these casual announcers are working in radio stations;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to regularise them; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the time-frame for the same and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a) and (b): Prasar Bharati has informed that casual Announcers are engaged by All India Radio to supplement the regular Announcers as per the requirement in different Radio Stations. The Radio Stations maintain a panel of casual announcers on their roll. The panel is updated from time to time to infuse freshness in the presentation of the Station's Programmes. In view of this, the number of casual Announcers keeps on fluctuating in each of the Radio Stations.
- (c) and (d): Prasar Bharati has informed that as casual Announcers are booked for a limited number of days in a month and are not engaged against the sanctioned posts, it is not feasible to regularize them.