

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF STAFF IN RADIO STATIONS

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that many radio stations in various States are facing shortage of officers/staff; (
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Odisha;
- (c) whether staff has not been posted at various radio stations already set up in different States;
- (d) If so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Gujarat; and
- (e) further steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to address the issue for smooth broadcasting of various programmes from these stations?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (COL RAJYAVARDHAN RATIORE (Retd.)

(a) to (d) ; Prasar Bharati has informed that in All India Radio, as against the sanctioned strength of 26418 fixed over 20 years ago, 11758 posts are filled up at present. However, due to rapid technology upgradation in the broadcasting sector, improved connectivity and various special services available, manpower audit is required. Radio stations are being run by redeployment of staff and by engaging personnel on contractual basis. The details of vacancies, state-wise, including Odisha are at Annexure-I.

(e) After rigorous exercise, the Government had identified 3452 posts as essential category posts for filling up in Prasar Bharati which will serve the needs of AIR also. Out of these, 3067 posts identified by Government as essential category of posts in Prasar Bharati, to be filled up through direct recruitment have been revived. Special onetime dispensation was obtained to recruit these through Staff Selection Commission. Prasar Bharati has informed that Staff Selection Commission has already recommended 2367 candidates for appointment. Prasar Bharati is in the process of issue of appointment orders.

In addition, 38 middle/ senior level Programme posts have been revived for filling up on deputation basis.