

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:309
ANSWERED ON:30.07.2014
SHORTAGE OF MANPOWER IN AIR DD
Gohain Shri Rajen

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

- (a) whether there is a huge shortage of manpower in the All India Radio (AIR) and the Doordarshan (DD) including in the Programme Wing and the News Services Division
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the North East Region (NER) along with the sanctioned and the actual strength of various categories of posts in AIR and DD and the reasons for shortfall;
- (c) the corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (d) the time by which all the vacant posts are likely to be filled up in AIR and DD?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING, ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR).

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 309 – SHORTAGE OF MANPOWER IN AIR/DD FOR ANSWER ON 30.07.2014.

(a) and (b): Yes sir. Prasar Bharati has informed that there is shortage of manpower in All India Radio (AIR) and Doordarshan (DD) including in the Programme Wing and the News Services Division. Statements indicating sanctioned strength, officers in position and vacancies of various categories of posts in AIR throughout the country and for NER are enclosed at Annexure I and Annexure II respectively. Statements indicating sanctioned strength, officers in position and vacancies of various categories of posts in Doordarshan throughout the country and for NER are enclosed at Annexure III and Annexure IV respectively.

The vacancies have arisen due to retirement, resignation and death of the employees. The promotion quota vacancies could not be filled up as Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) meetings could not be held consistently after constitution of Prasar Bharati as an autonomous Corporation in the year 1997 and due to litigations. Also very few direct recruitments have taken place since 1997.

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

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

(ii) Pending setting up of Prasar Bharati Recruitment Board, the Government has approved recruitment for Group B & C posts, through the Staff Selection Commission (SSC), as a onetime special dispensation.

(iii) Concerted efforts are being made to coordinate with UPSC to expedite convening of DPCs.

(iv) Prasar Bharati has informed that they have given regular, ad-hoc and in-situ promotions to various categories of employees to mitigate stagnation in promotions.

(d): At present, no time frame can be given to fulfill all the vacant posts in All India Radio (AIR) and Doordarshan (DD).