

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

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SHORTAGE OF NEWS READER IN DD .

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

- (a) whether a large number of posts of news readers are lying vacant in various Doordarshan (DD) Kendras of the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether shortage of news readers has forced Doordarshan to hire less experienced news readers to read the news;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) the extent to which the news broadcasting service of DD is being affected as a result thereof; and
- (e) the remedial measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to appoint/ hire good news readers on permanent basis?

Answer

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

- (a) Prasar Bharati has informed that there are no sanctioned posts of News Readers in Regional News Units (RNUs) of Doordarshan Kendras and that News Readers are engaged in all RNUs on casual assignment basis.
- (b) to (d): Prasar Bharati has informed that care is being taken to select persons with adequate qualification, experience and suitability for the job of News Readers and that the performance of casual News Readers is reviewed periodically.
- (e) Prasar Bharati has informed that hiring of quality News Readers on casual assignment basis is an ongoing process.