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Title: Need to revise the pay of casual news editors, presenter, stringers and casual stenos of Doordarshan Kendra, Bhubaneswar, Orissa as per the norms approved by the Prasar Bharati Corporation of India.

SHRIMATI ARCHANA NAYAK (KENDRAPARA): Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the Government to the following matter.

The Prasar Bharati Broadcasting Corporation of India had enhanced payment for Casual News Editors, Casual News Presenters, Stringers and Casual Stenos booked from time to time *vide* its order dated 25.8.2006. However, it is astonishing that the Doordarshan Kendra, Bhubaneswar has not implemented the above order resulting that the casual workers are still paid at the old rate. I, therefore, request the Government to direct the concerned authorities to implement the above order immediately and clear the dues at the earliest.

Similarly, there is an anomaly existing in the Regional News Unit of AIR, Cuttack. There the ceiling for the pre-revised fee structure for booking the Casual News Readers was Rs.30,000 per annum. Later on, while the rate of payment was revised in 2006, the annual ceiling of Rs.30,000 was not revised. This results in cutting down the monthly booking contracts of the casual news readers. The Regional News Unit, AIR, Cuttack is also finding difficulties in booking them even though the Unit badly needs them.

I, therefore, request the Government to revise the annual ceiling of Casual News Readers, enhance their present rate of payment and clear the arrears at the earliest.