

have maintained their contact with the police authorities in this regard.

[*English*]

Revision of Pay Scales in AIR and Doordarshan

1421. SHRI MITRASEN YADAV: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken a decision to revise the pay scales of employees of AIR and Doordarshan on the recommendation of Prasar Bharati;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have also received any representation from the service associations of these categories in this regard; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government to maintain parity in pay scales as has been maintained by

the earlier Pay Commission in different grades of various categories of the employees of AIR/TV?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MUKHTAR NAQVI): (a) and (b) On the basis of the recommendations of the Prasar Bharati Board, pay scales of various categories of Engineering and Programme staff have been revised with a view to remove pay anomalies between these two cadres arising out of Supreme Court's decision of 1994 and recommendations of the 5th Pay Commission. The revised pay scales granted to various categories of Engineering and Programme staff are given in attached statement.

(c) and (d) Various other associations (recognised/unrecognised) of All India Radio and Doordarshan employees have also raised certain demands related to the revised pay scales and other matters. Demands of other Associations relating to upward revision of pay scales and other matters which are dealt with by the Pay Commission (unless there are Court Orders of firm commitments made by Government to the contrary) are at various stages of examination.

Statement

Revised pay scales of various posts of Engineering and Programme staff of AIR and Doordarshan

S.No.	Category of Posts	Pay scale granted as per Vth Pay Commission recommendations (Rs.)	Upgraded Scale of pay (Rs.)
1	2	3	4
Engineering Category			
1.	Assistant Engineer* *(including AEs in CCW)	6500-10500	7500-12000
2.	Sr. Engineering Assistant	5500-9000	7450-11500
3.	Engineering Assistant	5000-8000	6500-10500
4.	Senior Technician	4500-7000	5000-8000
5.	Technician	4000-6000	4500-7000

1	2	3	4
3.	Diesel Technician	4000-6000	[4000-6000] [15% of posts] [4500-7000 [20% of posts]
7.	Mast Technician		[5000-8000 [65% of posts]
3.	Diesel Engine Driver	3050-4590	3050-4590 (75%) & 3250-4900 (25%)
9.	Helper	2650-4000	2650-4000 (75%) 3050-4590 (25%)
Programme Category			
10.	Programme Executive	6500-10500	7500-12000
11.	Transmission Executive	5000-8000	6500-10500

Development Schemes for Sea Beaches

1422. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any scheme from any Coastal State for the development of sea beaches during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the estimated cost of each project proposal;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to consider those proposals; and

(e) the funds released for the purpose in 1998-99?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI OMAK APANG): (a) to (e) In order to

develop tourism in the Coastal Areas of the country, the Ministry of Tourism has asked the State Governments to prepare a comprehensive development and beautification plan of the areas. No State Govt. has submitted the plan.

However, the Ministry of Tourism has provided assistance to State Governments for development of Tourist Infrastructure in the Coastal areas such as Ganpatipule in Maharashtra, Thirunalar in Pondicherry, Gopalpur on Sea in Orissa, Thiruvananthapuram in Kerala, Chennai & Mamallapuram in Tamilnadu, Mapusa, Margoa, Vasco, Bicholim, Ponda, Anjuna Beach in Goa amounting to Rs. 194.48 lakhs in 1997-98.

Each year Ministry of Tourism in consultation with the State Governments prioritises projects for Central Financial Assistance. The funds for these projects are released on receipt of specific project proposals and availability of funds. The Ministry of Tourism has identified