

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING**

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 847

(TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.02.2021)

VACANCIES IN DOORDARSHAN AND ALL INDIA RADIO

847. SHRIMATI SARMISTHA SETHI:

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

- (a) Whether the Government is aware that Doordarshan and All India Radio (AIR) are functioning with less than 50 per cent of the required manpower and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (b) the steps taken/being taken to fill up the vacancies in Doordarshan and All India Radio;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to downsize Doordrshan/AIR; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE; MINISTER
OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING; AND
MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
[SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR]**

(a) All India Radio (AIR) and Doordarshan are functioning at approximately 50% of the sanctioned strength because Prasar Bharati Recruitment Board, that was mandated in the Prasar Bharati (Broadcasting Corporation of India) Act, 1990, to make recruitment to various posts of Prasar Bharati, was not established.

(b) Government of India has notified the 'Prasar Bharati (Broadcasting Corporation of India) Establishment of Recruitment Board Rules 2020' on 12.02.2020. Accordingly, Prasar Bharati has established Prasar Bharati Recruitment Board on 01.07.2020 for filling up of Direct Recruitment vacancies.

Moreover, to fill up promotional vacancies, meetings of Departmental Promotional Committee are held as an on-going process.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.
