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### GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

#### MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

#### LOK SABHA

#### UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 217

ANSWERED ON 09.07.2014

#### NEW ALL INDIA RADIO STATIONS

217 . Shri PARASURAMAN K.

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

- (a) Whether the Union Government proposes to set up new All India Radio Stations in various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise and the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### 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) & (b): Yes Sir. Prasar Bharati has informed that All India Radio (AIR) has plan to set up new Akashvani kendras at 7 places as approved in the 11th Plan under Continuing Scheme as a part of 12th Five Year Plan and at 9 places approved under 12th Five Year Plan in various parts of country. The State-wise details are given in Annexure-I (A) & (B).

Apart from these, AIR will augment its present network with the installation of 184 ( 78 Continuing Scheme + 106 New Scheme) new relay FM transmitters. The state-wise details are given in Annexure-II (A) & (B).

AIR has initiated the process of procurement of broadcast equipments and acquisition of suitable sites for installation of these equipments.

(c) Does not arise.

ANNEXURE

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 809**

**ANSWERED ON 16.07.2014**

**RECRUITMENT IN PRASAR BHARATI**

**809 . Shri THUPSTAN CHHEWANG**

**MAJ. GEN. (RETD) BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI AVSM**

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

- (a) whether a recruitment board for Prasar Bharati has been constituted;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the time by which the same is likely to be constituted;
- (c) the total number of posts lying vacant in the Prasar Bharati vis-a-vis sanctioned posts, cadre and State-wise including Jammu & Kashmir and Uttarakhand;
- (d) whether most of the promotions in the Prasar Bharati are made on ad hoc basis and if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to regularise such promotions and to address the issues pertaining to the career prospects of the employees working in the Prasar Bharati?

**ANSWER**

**THE 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) & (b): The Prasar Bharati Recruitment Board (PBRB) has not yet been constituted. The draft Rules regarding establishment of PBRB is under finalization. Upon finalization of the Rules, the posts of Chairman and Members of PBRB will be created. The PBRB shall be constituted once these posts are created and filled up.
- (c): The information is being collected by Prasar Bharati and will be laid on the table of the House.
- (d): Adhoc promotions to some of the Programme posts in Prasar Bharati were made in order to mitigate stagnation due to non-convening of DPC by UPSC during 1997-2002 and from 2013 onwards and also due to litigations impacting regular promotions.
- (e): The Ministry of Information & Broadcasting is in dialogue with UPSC for convening DPCs for regular promotions. The Ministry has also requested Prasar Bharati to forward proposals for cadre review of Indian Broadcasting Programme Service and Indian Broadcasting Engineering Service for approval of the Government.