

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1830
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.03.2022)

SHORTAGE OF STAFF IN RADIO STATIONS

1830: SHRI K.R.N. RAJESHKUMAR:

Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that many radio stations in various States are facing shortage of officers/staff;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including the State of Tamil Nadu; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to address the issue for smooth broadcasting of various programmes from these stations?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING; AND MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS [SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR]

(a) to (c): Due to emergence of new broadcast technologies and modernisation several extant roles have been rendered redundant. To review the manpower requirement across Radio Stations based on modernised broadcast technologies, latest production techniques and global industry best practices, a comprehensive Manpower Audit has been undertaken by Prasar Bharati. The staffing requirements for all stations are determined based on the same as recommended by the Manpower Audit. Addressing vacancy position is an ongoing process.

Prasar Bharati Board has revised its Contractual Engagement Policy to infuse fresh talent for smooth broadcasting of various programs from across stations in line with the recommendations of the Manpower Audit.

Prasar Bharati Recruitment Board was constituted on 01.07.2020 in accordance with Ministry of Information & Broadcasting notification dated 12.02.2020 to fill up vacancies carrying scale of pay less than that of a Joint Secretary to the Government of India.
