

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1833
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2023**

DOWNSIZE OF REGIONAL DIRECTORATES OF PIB AND FPO

**1833 Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu:
Shri R. Girirajan:**

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

- (a) whether Government is trying to downsize the Regional Directorates of Press Information Bureau (PIB) and Field Publicity Offices in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the total number of employees working in Press Information Bureau and FPOs across the country and abroad;
- (d) the steps taken by Government to improve the regional services of Prachar Bharti, both Doordarshan Kendras and All India Radio; and
- (e) the total number of employees working in both Doordarshan Kendras and All India Radio across the country and abroad?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING; AND
MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)**

(a) & (b) No such proposal is under consideration of this Ministry.

(c) At present, 564 employees are working in Press Information Bureau, and, 1031 employees are working in Regional and Field Offices of Central Bureau of Communication (CBC).

(d) Modernisation and Upgradation of Doordarshan Kendras (DDKs)/AIR Stations is a continuous process and schemes in this regard are formulated and implemented from time to time depending upon availability of resources and inter-se priorities.

Modernization/ Upgradation plan covers a broad spectrum, which, inter-alia, includes digitalization; adoption of new technologies at par with International standards; replacement of old/ outlived equipment and upgradation etc.

Recently Government has approved continuation of Central Sector Scheme “Broadcasting Infrastructure and Network Development” (BIND) for period 2021-26 at total cost of Rs. 2539.61 Crore.

(e)

Units	All India Radio	Doordarshan
Number of employees working	12,163	7242
