

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2473
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.08.2023**

SAFETY OF WOMEN JOURNALISTS

2473. DR. RADHA MOHAN DAS AGRAWAL:

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

- (a) the number of women working in newspapers and channels of Government as well as private sector during the years 2019-20 to 2022-2023 in various States of the country;
- (b) whether any special provisions have been made for the improvement, safety, professional development, gender equality and prevention of exploitation of these women journalists under Government policies; and
- (c) whether Government has conducted any study regarding the above challenges being faced by women journalists, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) At present 2,678 female employees are working in Akashvani, Doordarshan and other offices under Prasar Bharati, India's public service broadcaster. The Government does not maintain data regarding women employees working in newspapers and private satellite TV channels operating in the country.

(b) to (c) Matters relating to safety, gender equality and prevention of exploitation of women at workplace etc. are in the domain of the employers. The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 provides that every employer shall take action against the complaints relating to sexual harassment of women at workplace as per the provisions of the said Act.
