

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 96
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.2.2018)**

CASUAL WORKERS IN AIR/DD KENDRAS

***96. SHRI RAJU SHETTY:**

**Will the MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of casual announcers, typists and librarians working in All India Radio and Doordarshan Kendras along with the reasons for hiring such casual workers;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to regularise the services of such workers keeping in view the long services rendered by them; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)**

- (a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA
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(a): Prasar Bharati has informed that:

Casual Announcers/Presenters are not regular employees of All India Radio (AIR) and as such data on numbers is not maintained centrally. Rather they are empanelled periodically based on the suitability of their voices and are called to perform as and when required by AIR Stations. The number of such empanelled Announcers/Presenters varies from station/channel to station/channel as they are empanelled as per the exigencies of the station/channel. Approximate number of casual Assignees on the panel across the network is about 1500.

As far as Casual Announcers/Presenters are concerned, they are booked for an assignment as per day to day requirement of programmes at AIR Stations. The number of such bookings is limited to six days only in a month and 72 days in a year. Their continuance on the panel is decided by the programme exigencies and performance of the artists.

As per available record, no casual Librarian and Typists are working in AIR Stations.

In so far as Doordarshan is concerned, no Casual Announcers, Typists and Librarian have been engaged in Doordarshan.

(b): Prasar Bharati has further informed that at present there is no Scheme for their regularization.

(c): Does not arise.
