

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1738  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2018)**

**LOW POWER TELEVISION (LPTV)**

**1738. SHRI RAJU SHETTY:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that more than 270 Low Power Television (LPTV) services were recently closed but staff of these units were not surrendered or transferred and taking salary without any work since three months and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether most of the staff of these closed LPTV are technical persons or engineers and deputed to Prasar Bharati and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this excess staff can be posted in telecom or railways for utilising their technical knowledge instead of dumping excess engineers in Akashvani or Doordarshan and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to settle this excess resources?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF  
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING**

**{COL RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (Retd.)}**

(a) to (d) Prasar Bharati has informed that as part of rationalization of terrestrial transmission, 268 Analog Terrestrial Transmitters including 171 LPTs were closed in February/March, 2018. Most of the staff posted at LPTs are technical persons. Consequent upon closure of these transmitters, most of the staff have been transferred/redeployed to other stations in Doordarshan/AIR network, for technical requirements. Only skeleton staff has been retained at the closed stations, wherever required, for completion of the residual work related to security/ diversion/ auction of equipment and vacation/ handing over of the premises to the owner. There is no excess staff, at present, due to closure of above said transmitters.

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