

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4519**  
**(TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.03.2023)**

**HINDUSTHAN SAMACHAR AGENCY**

**4519. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:**

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

**(a) whether Prasar Bharati has entered into agreement with Hindusthan Samachar Agency, if so, the details of the agreement;**

**(b) whether it is true that agreements were earlier entered with Hindusthan Samachar Agency by Prasar Bharati and if so, the details thereof;**

**(c) whether there will be any verification mechanism of the news being provided by Hindusthan Samachar Agency before publishing, if so, the details thereof;**

**(d) whether Prasar Bharati has such agreement with any other news agencies nationally and internationally, if so, the details thereof; and**

**(e) whether as part of agreement Prasar Bharati has to pay money to Hindusthan Samachar Agency, and if so, the details thereof and financial repercussions on Prasar Bharati as a result of this move?**

## **ANSWER**

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

**(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Prasar Bharati has recently signed an agreement with M/s Hindusthan Samachar for the period 14.02.2023 to 31.03.2025 for providing News Feed in different languages. An agreement was signed between Prasar Bharati and M/s Hindusthan Samachar on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020 for the period from 14.02.2020 to 13.02.2021 and by another agreement, the period was extended for further two years from 14.02.2021 to 13.02.2023.**

**(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. Prasar Bharati gets news feeds from multiple sources nationally and internationally which includes Asian News International (ANI), Reuters & AVN. All the content broadcast/telecast on AIR and DD is in accordance with the objectives of Prasar Bharati Act of 1990 and in compliance with the approved guidelines of Prasar Bharati.**

**(e): The services of Hindusthan Samachar have been engaged by Prasar Bharati based on a commercial agreement as per the rates fixed after following due process.**

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