

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *349
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2021)

SHORTAGE OF STAFF IN RADIO STATIONS

***349. SHRI DEVUSINH JESINGHBHAI CHAUHAN:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that many radio stations in various States are facing shortage of officers/ staff;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Gujarat; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to address the issue for smooth broadcasting of various programmes from these stations?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE;
MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING; AND MINISTER OF
HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)**

(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 STARRED QUESTION NO. *349 TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2021 ON SHORTAGE OF STAFF IN RADIO STATIONS.

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. Prasar Bharati Recruitment Board has been constituted on 01.07.2020 in accordance with Ministry of Information & Broadcasting notification dated 12.02.2020 for vacancies carrying scale of pay less than that of a Joint Secretary to the Government of India. The process of recruitment to fill up the backlog vacancies for physically impaired persons is already initiated by the Board.

Before establishment of Prasar Bharati Recruitment Board, limited recruitment has been undertaken as a special dispensation through Staff Selection Commission for Critical Group 'B' and Group 'C' vacancies, approved by the Government on an All India basis in 2013. As a result, 1358 officers have finally joined in various States including Gujarat.

As regards filling up of the vacancies by promotion, continued efforts have been made by Ministry of Information & Broadcasting and Prasar Bharati in accordance with extant instructions of DoP&T. Promotions are an ongoing process and every effort is made to fill up the posts by promotion expeditiously.

Further, the Manpower Audit of Prasar Bharati has been carried out which has found key gaps in Prasar Bharati's existing manpower mix and skill capabilities due to changes in technology, I.T. enablement and automation. The Manpower Audit has recommended several steps to phase out obsolete technologies and unviable services, automate and IT enable key operations and to outsource non-core activities so as to bring the manpower requirements in line with global best practices in Public Broadcasting.

State/ UT-wise (including Gujarat) details of shortage of officers/ staff for broadcasting of various programmes from Radio Stations are at **Annexure.**

ANNEXURE

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State/ UT-wise (including Gujarat) Details of Shortage of Officers/ Staff for Broadcasting from Radio Stations

S. No.	State/Union Territories	Engineering Wing			Programme Wing		
		Sanctioned	Filled	Vacant	Sanctioned	Filled	Vacant
1	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR	...	...	...	40	8	32
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	199	149	50	288	92	196
3	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	204	105	99	97	18	79
4	ASSAM	398	255	143	205	55	150
5	BIHAR	139	92	47	159	61	98
6	CHATTISGARH	120	94	26	...	...	...
7	GOA	66	42	24	52	13	39
8	GUJARAT	207	147	60	231	72	159
9	HARYANA	47	32	15	74	15	59
10	HIMACHAL PRADESH	95	60	35	76	12	64
11	JHARKHAND	116	86	30	113	40	73
12	KARNATAKA	307	216	91	334	118	216
13	KERALA	165	175	-10	258	105	153
14	MADHYA PRADESH	335	280	55	455	121	334
15	MAHARASHTRA	600	477	123	621	213	408
16	MANIPUR	103	87	16	72	28	44
17	MEGHALAYA	127	83	44	98	31	67
18	MIZORAM	110	53	57	55	12	43
19	NAGALAND	132	98	34	66	24	42

20	ODISHA	285	161	124	257	69	188
21	PUDUCHERRY	...	...	...	56	14	42
22	PUNJAB	123	74	49	113	34	79
23	RAJASTHAN	355	250	105	342	114	228
24	SIKKIM	48	29	19	29	12	17
25	TAMIL NADU	458	334	124	389	136	253
26	TELANGANA	141	112	29	...	...	...
27	TRIPURA	127	76	51	339	95	244
28	WEST BENGAL	361	259	102			
29	UTTAR PRADESH	437	299	138	423	142	281
30	UTTARAKAND	101	60	41	43	14	29
31	CHANDIGARH	16	11	5	52	19	33
32	DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI AND DAMAN AND DIU	23	16	7	...	...	...
33	DELHI	736	494	242	492	181	311
34	JAMMU & KASHMIR	371	190	181	246	56	190
	TOTAL	7052	4896	2156	6075	1924	4151