

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1942  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.02.2021**

**FUNDING FOR EXPANSION OF TECHNICAL FIELD**

**1942. SHRI VIJAY BAGHEL:**

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

- (a) whether various organizations have been involved/managed by his Ministry for expansion of technical field/sector;
- (b) if so, the detail of the facilities being provided by the Government, organization-wise;
- (c) the name of the organizations which are presently funded by the Government; and
- (d) the name of the organizations which do not require funding from the Government?

**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 (d) Prasar Bharati, as an autonomous body under Ministry of Information & Broadcasting with its field network of Doordarshan and All India Radio, provides technical knowledge in the field of broadcasting. As the public broadcaster of the country, the mandate**

**of Prasar Bharati is to organise and provide broadcasting services to inform, educate and entertain the public and to ensure balanced development of broadcasting on radio and television. It has one of the largest terrestrial networks in the world comprising of TV and radio transmitters, studios, Direct-to-Home (DTH) network, Outdoor Broadcasting (OB) vans, etc. Prasar Bharati has also made its presence felt in the digital platforms by live streaming of content, providing informative new websites, availability of programmes on YouTube, mobile apps, etc. Similarly, Broadcast Engineering Consultants of India (BECIL) as a Central Public Sector Enterprise(CPSE) under the Ministry provides consultancy services of international standards for broadcasting, transmission and production technologies, including turnkey solutions in the specialized fields of terrestrial and satellite broadcasting, cable and various IT-related fields, including acoustics and audio-video systems.**

**Ministry of Information & Broadcasting provides grants-in-aid to Prasar Bharati for implementation of Broadcasting Infrastructure Network Development (BIND) scheme, a Central Sector Scheme and also provides grants-in-aid for meeting Other Central expenditure of Prasar Bharati. However, no funding is provided to BECIL by the Ministry.**

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