

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING**  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1408**  
**(TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.3.2016)**

**NATIONAL ARTIST HONOUR**

**1408. KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE**

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

- (a) whether the Prasar Bharati/AIR has conferred National Artist honour to any eminent music artist during the last three years and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any guideline has been adopted by the Prasar Bharati/AIR for the purpose; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING [COL RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (Retd.)]**

- (a) No Madam.
- (b) and (c): Prasar Bharati/ All India Radio (AIR) has adopted the following guidelines for the purpose:
  - (i) Distinguished music artistes on the panel of All India Radio with the twin criteria of 70 years of age and 30 years in Top Grade; or
  - (ii) Eminent artistes honoured with either Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan or Sangeet Natak Akademy Ratna, if they are 60 years of age or 25 years in Top Grade.

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