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RAJYA SABHA

Licence Fee from the Radio and Television set Holders

†3958. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:
SHRI RAMA SHANKAR KAUSHIK:
SHRI KARNEDU BHATTACHARJEE:

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

(a) whether any proposal of the Prasar Bharati is under consideration of Government with regard to charging huge amount as licence fee from the radio and television set holders;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for such a proposal;

(c) whether Government are considering to turn down the said proposal of Prasar Bharati;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) and (b) Prasar Bharati have intimated that a proposal for imposing licence fee on radio/TV sets is under their consideration.

(c) Government do not propose to charge any licence fee on radio/ TV sets.

(d)and(e) Do not arise.

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†3959. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH LALAN':
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

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

(a) whether Government are considering the proposal to allow more foreign capital investment in news agencies;

(b) if so, the outlines of the said proposal and whether news agencies have also requested Government to bring this proposal; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.