

financial sector reforms, the pension sector is also being opened for private competition.

**High/Low Power Transmitters installed in Andhra Pradesh**

1899. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of High Power Transmitters, Low Power Transmitters and Very Low Power Transmitters installed in Andhra Pradesh during the last two years;

(b) whether all the transmitters are functioning satisfactorily;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and remedial action taken by Government; and

(d) the number of such transmitters proposed to be installed in Andhra Pradesh during the Ninth Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) One High Power Transmitter, seven Low Power transmitters, and one Very Low Power Transmitter have been commissioned during the last two years in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Three High Power Transmitters, eighteen Low Power Transmitters and three Very Low Power Transmitters.

**Air Programmes in Remote Areas of Border**

†1900. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the programmes of All India Radio are being heard in remote areas of Indo-Burma and Indo-Bangladesh borders; and

(b) if not, what steps have been taken by Government to ensure that the programmes of All India Radio are heard in Chalna district council area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ARUN

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**JAITLEY):** (a) The programmes of All India Radio cover remote areas of Indo-Bangladesh border and parts of Indo-Burma border.

(b) Does not arise.

**Promotions in Prasar Bharati**

†1901. **PROF. RAM GOPAL YADAV:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has sought advice from the Department of Law in connection with the promotion of personnel not connected with programme service cadre of Prasar Bharati; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Incentives to Electronic Harmonium Artists**

1902. **DR. RAJA RAMANNA:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3032 given in the Rajya Sabha on 14th July, 1998 and state:

(a) the number of applications received by AIR from modern harmonium players in Carnatic music and how many of them were allowed solo performance during the last two years;

(b) the steps being taken by Government to attract more electronic harmonium artists and the incentives being provided to them in this regard; and

(c) whether Government have prepared any panel of harmonium players?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY):** (a) and (b) Prasar Bharati have informed that Audition of Harmonium Players in Hindustani and Carnatic music started in

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