

- vii) One of the jobs of the journalists is also to bring forth to the public notice the plight of the weaker sections of society. They are the watchdogs on behalf of the society of its weaker sections.

Production of commercial serials by Mumbai Doordarshan Staff

†2238. DR. YOGENDRA P. TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Doordarshan staff engaged in Mumbai Doordarshan have started producing commercial serials;

(b) if so, whether Government has granted permission to such private jobs;

(c) if not, whether there is any system in Doordarshan, which is monitoring the situation and maintaining vigil in this regard; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI MANISH TEWARI): (a) Mumbai Doordarshan is producing in-house serials which earn revenue for the Doordarshan. However, Mumbai Doordarshan staff are not working on any commercial serials outside.

(b) to (d) Whenever a complaint is brought to the notice, the same is enquired by the vigilance wing of Prasar Bharati which is headed by a full time Chief Vigilance Officer (CVO).

Committee to look into Prasar Bharati

†2239. DR. YOGENDRA P. TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high-powered committee has been constituted to review the constitutional structure of Prasar Bharati, its existence and its relation with Government;

(b) if so, the date on which it was constituted and by when Government would receive its report;

(c) whether it would strengthen Prasar Bharati; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.