Annual expenditure of Prasar Bharati

1853. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage of the Prasar Bharati's annual expenditure that is spent on salaries and infrastructure;
- (b) the percentage of Prasar Bharati's annual expenditure that is spent on programming; and
- (c) whether the programming budget of Prasar Bharati is sought to be enhanced to make it competitive with that of private channels?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (COL. RAJYAVARDHAN SINGH RATHORE): (a) Prasar Bharati has informed that out of the total expenditure incurred by it during the Financial Year 2013-14, it had spent approximately 51% on salaries and approximately 15% on infrastructure.

- (b) Prasar Bharati has informed that it had spent approximately 11% of total expenditure incurred by it during Financial Year 2013-14 on programming.
- (c) It is constant endeavour of the Government and Prasar Bharati to provide maximum possible funds for programming to make it competitive.