

**Funds allocation to DD and AIR**

305. SHRI PAVAN KUMAR VARMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has any role in the allocation of funds to Doordarshan (DD) and All India Radio (AIR);

(b) if so, whether these allocations have been sufficient in the past and during this current financial year;

(c) whether the level of allocations in particular have affected decisions relating to the welfare of personnel in DD and AIR and the maintenance and upgradation of equipment in these organizations; and

(d) if so, how many employees in both these organizations have had their promotions delayed, and for how long?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (COL. RAJYAVARDHAN SINGH RATHORE): (a) Funds are allocated by the Government to Prasar Bharati (Doordarshan and All India Radio) on the basis of Budget proposals sent by this Ministry in consultation with Prasar Bharati.

(b) and (c) The budget proposals are finalized after due consultations with Prasar Bharati before being sent to the Government for allocation. A total allocation of ₹ 2495.03 Crore has been made to Prasar Bharati for the current financial year at the Budget Estimates stage for Plan schemes and for Salary and Salary related expenses of Prasar Bharati.

(d) The delay in promotions is not attributable to allocation of funds by the Government to Prasar Bharati.

**Revision in criteria for determining minority Status**

306. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has revised the criteria to determine the minority status in each State;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status in this regard; and

(c) the demands of each State in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI): (a) to (c) Revision of criteria to determine the