

Vacant posts of DGM in Doordarshan

2873. SHRI RONALD SAPA TLAU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many posts of Deputy General Managers (DGMs) and other senior posts in Doordarshan are lying vacant as of today, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) how much of the Doordarshan's (DDs) performance in the national news service is affected by this shortage; and

(c) what is the Government's plan to solve this problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (COL. RAJYAVARDHAN SINGH RATHORE): (a) to (c) Prasar Bharati has informed that no posts of Deputy General Managers (DGMs) exist in Doordarshan (DD). As of now there are 1083 posts sanctioned in Group 'A' Cadre and there is a need to reassess actual requirement of staff against some vacant posts in Doordarshan keeping in view of changes in broadcast technologies.

Posts in the News Wing of Doordarshan are manned by Indian Information Service (IIS) officers. There is a shortage of officers in News Wing of Doordarshan, which is overcome by engaging professionals for specific work assignments as per need.

Low frequency TV tower at Jashpur, Chhattisgarh

2874. SHRI RANVIJAY SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether TV tower at Jashpur, Chhattisgarh is of low frequency and at a very-very bad state;

(b) if so, whether the frequency would be improved and staff would be recruited; and

(c) whether Government is planning to shut down the Doordarshan at Jashpur?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (COL. RAJYAVARDHAN SINGH RATHORE): (a) to (c) Prasar Bharati has informed that the Very Low Power TV Transmitter (VLPT) at Jashpur in Chhattisgarh is reported to be functioning satisfactorily.

VLPT at Jashpur is an unmanned station and as of now there is no approved scheme to upgrade the transmitter to higher power. At present, there is no proposal to shut down the above transmitter.