

committee chaired by Dr. Sam Pitroda in its report had recommended to undertake a comprehensive Manpower Audit and HR planning exercise to map workforce requirements for the future in view of the changes in technologies. Accordingly, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MIB) advised Prasar Bharati (PB) to get its Manpower Audit conducted, in pursuance of which PB has awarded the contract for carrying out Manpower Audit of PB to the agency found suitable after following due process.

#### **Installation of transmission towers**

1988. SHRI VINAY DINU TENDULKAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of transmission towers available with the All India Radio (AIR) in the country;

(b) whether these towers are also used/rented out to relay programmes of private radio channels to get additional revenue and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether AIR has received any proposal from the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) for using their transmission towers for mobile network;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by AIR thereon; and

(e) the steps taken by Government for the use of some of the transmission towers by both AIR and BSNL so as to reduce the expenditure on installation of these towers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (COL. RAJYAVARDHAN SINGH RATHORE): (a) Prasar Bharati has informed that All India Radio (AIR) has 285 transmission towers across the country.

(b) As on date, AIR towers at 62 stations are shared with Private FM Broadcasters on rental basis.

(c) to (e) The matter of sharing of the transmission towers has been given due consideration by the Ministry and the towers of AIR are used by BSNL, depending on the requirement and feasibility at various locations. AIR Towers at 14 locations are being shared with BSNL/MTNL. 7 fresh proposals from BSNL for sharing of towers have been received by AIR recently.