

Congratulations to all Employees of AIR and DD.

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Congratulations to all. As you are aware, as per the cabinet decision dated 14.09.2012, Central Government has been providing financial support to Prasar Bharati for meeting 100% expense towards salary and salary related expenses, and this support is available till the Financial Year 2016 - 17 only. In this regard a draft cabinet note was sent by Prasar Bharati to MIB for seeking government support for salary and salary related expenses beyond 2016-2017. As per the letter dated 23.08.2016 by ADG (B&A), Prasar Bharati to DG(A),DG AIR it was very clear that " if cabinet's approval is not obtained well in time , it will become difficult for the Ministry to make provision in the budget for salaries for the year 2017 - 18 onwards".

[Click here for the letter by ADG \(B&A\) Prasar Bharati to DG \(A\),DG AIR dated 23.08.2016](#)

Hence before the presentation of general budget, Government has to take a fr decision to continue the existing financial support for salary and salary related expenses.

Realizing the importance of the issue, your beloved ARTEE intervened in the matter and on 27.09.2016 wrote a letter to the Hon'ble Prime Minister. Through the letter, we have made efforts to establish that in comparison to other leading Public Broadcaster of the world, Prasar Bharati is among the lowest funded Public Broadcaster. We also pleaded that a democratic government should consider National and Public Service Broadcaster in social sector only. We also highlighted the fact that a strong Nation requires a strong National Broadcaster which should be a symbol of national pride for the entire nation and for all Indians in different parts of the world.

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There are many recognized associations and un recognized groups that organize glass gates and earth gates on the drop of a pin. But none had the vision and time to write even a single line on this most serious issue affecting all employees. No one knew what would happen to the salary and existence of AIR& DD once the grant in aid was discontinued after March 2017.

ARTEE pursued the issue and succeeded in achieving it. We also brought the matter to the notice BMS, the largest Trade Union in India. Just think how important ARTEE is. Where no one can even can think ARTEE executes. The fruits of work done by ARTEE in common

issues is known to all employees of All India Radio and Doordarshan . We don't brake our head on petty issues like Glass Gate etc etc .

Union Budget 2017-18 has set apart Rs 4,409 crore for the I&B Ministry for 2017-18, 5.96% more than what was allocated last year. In this Rs. 2996.70 crores is allocated to Prasar Bharati for the establishment and other expenditure. In the last budget the allocation to Prasar Bharati was Rs. 2766.86 crores. An increase of Rs.229.84 crores is allowed in the union budget 2017-18, compared to the previous Union Budget. Hence there shall be no further funding crisis after March 2017.

Being a responsible welfare Association, we shall continue to raise such vital issues of common interests in future also. Once again Congratulations to all of you for solving one of the biggest issues of this time.

And we are thankful to the Union Government for allocating sufficient funding to All India Radio and Doordarshan to fulfill its mandate by the Parliament of our Country through Prasar Bharati Act “to organise and conduct public broadcasting services to inform, educate and entertain the public and to ensure a balanced development of broadcasting on radio and television.”

A Strong and Vibrant ARTEE is a boost for Employee welfare.

A Strong and Vibrant ARTEE is the Strength of AIR & DD

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