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The Chief Executive Officer,
Prasar Bharati,
Copernicus Marg, New Delhi-110001.

Subject: Unfortunate incident of Attacking the staff on duty and looting in AIR HPT Kingsway, Delhi in the night of 09th March 2019.

Respected Sir,

With warm regards, we want to inform you that there has been a very unfortunate incident took place in AIR HPT Kingsway, Delhi in the night of 9th March 2019.

On this fateful night, around 10 miscreants forcibly entered in Antenna Unit of the station. They tied the hands of our 3 staff Members and badly beaten them. After this they looted the costly copper and other equipment from stores and fled. The staff was tied up for 5 hrs and could be rescued in the morning only. Staff who was badly beaten and traumatized. The incident is reported to Delhi Police by DDG(E) of Kingsway and crime branch is investigating the matter. Meanwhile staff is being treated. Pl. note there have been incidents of stealing copper in the past after the security of Ariel field is withdrawn as per directive from Prasar Bharati.

Sir, we have been raising this issue since the security is withdrawn and have been requesting to deploy security guards in the stations. We are of the view that if in some stations there have been misutilization of funds allocated for security that should be investigated and stern action should be taken against such offenders but by placing a blanket withdrawal of security will certainly pave the way to such incidents.

We have come to know that PB is considering a proposal to install Solar Panels in the lands of Arial fields of these stations. In such case when there is no security, these solar panels, which are more costly may also be stolen. We all know that if copper or any other equipment are stolen, it may be purchased again but life of our staff is priceless and we can not afford such loss. Also if this is the situation of security of staff in National Capital, the pathetic condition of staff may well be presume.

We once again request you to review the decision and provide security in these stations. We also request that the incident of Kingsway must be investigated thoroughly and the culprits may be brought to the book. This is also must for reinstating confidence and faith in the staff working there and in stations all over the country.

An early and strong action is requested.

Thanking you, Yours faithfully,

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