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Hon. Member of Parliament,

(-------- Lok Sabha Constituency)

SUB : **PRASAR BHARATI’S DECISION TO CLOSE DOWN ----------- TV TRANSMITTER – SEEKING YOUR KIND INTERVENTION TO INSTAL DIGITAL TRANSMITTER BEFORE SUCH CLOSURE - REG**

Esteemed Sir,

We represent Association of Radio & Television Engineering Employees, an association for the subordinate engineering staff of AIR and Doordarshan.

**We wish to submit that presently there is an I&B Ministry proposal to install 630 digital TV transmitters by 2023. (city/town name ) is one of the proposed sites. This proposal clearly states that existing analog transmitter will be closed only after DTT becomes operational.**

***However, vide Order dated 20th September (copy enclosed), Prasar Bharati has decided to close 412 analog Transmitters. The Transmitter operating from* (city/town name )  *is one of them. It is slated to be closed by by* (closure date).**

**This closure decision of Prasar Bharati is in total deviation from above MIB proposal.**

This unilateral close-down is rendering the staff workless. Prasar Bharati has not spelt out any policy on how to redeploy these staff. This has created deep fears and apprehensions about their future. In the absence of any official statement on this aspect, wild rumours are circulating.

Main reason for the loss of Doordarshan’s viewership is the failure to offer good programme content and questionable decisions like closure of the immensely popular DD Metro channel. ***Instead of addressing this, PB is closing down Relay Centres and PGFs*** *(*Most of these LPTs were fitted with new Digital Ready transmitters only recently.)

AIR& DD have been showcasing Indian heritage and values, which is very essential to oppose mindless western cultural hegemony and soft power. It is very important to preserve such a government asset.

**Therefore we request your kind self to take up this issue with the Hon’ble I&B Minister to:**

**[1]. Immediately install Digital Terrestrial Transmitter (DTT) in (city/town name ) & run the existing analog Transmitter until the DTT becomes operational and**

**[2]. Utilise the present infrastructure to install FM radio transmitters and expand the services of present AIR station.**

Thanking you and with humble regards,

Yours faithfully

Unit Secretary / DMC Co-Ordinator /State Secretary,

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