Ref: letters dated 30/07/2008 and 19/08/2008, seeking meeting
Sub: Requesting urgent Meeting with your kindself on urgent issues pertaining to working of AIR & DD & necessary directions to subordinate offices

Respected Ma'm,

Kindly recall our earlier requests for the grant of a meeting which were not heeded to. We wish to state that had any such meeting been granted, we would have apprised your goodself with the following few facts:

1. As per the agreement reached between NFADE & Ministry of I&B, on 27/9/2007, a committee had been constituted under the chairmanship of Secretary, I&B along with five representatives of NFADE as members, to propose the amendments in PB Act 1990.

2. It is evident from the minutes that the Hon'ble GoM, in its meeting held on 05/10/2007 also endorsed the decision and reposed full confidence in the committee and entrusted the onerous job of proposing all the necessary amendments to the entire PB Act.

3. In its last meeting held on 18/3/2008, the committee took some decisions and decided to place these decisions before the Hon'ble GoM in its next meeting but we, the members of the said committee, are still groping in the dark about as to whether the same were actually placed in the Hon'ble GoM in the meeting held on 26/9/2008 or not.

4. It is really shocking and painful to note that Prasar Bharati is issuing arbitrary and capricious orders as enclosed, contrary to the spirit and intention of the decisions of the Ministry who is vigorously pursuing the matter of filling of the vacant posts, defined as critical for the operation of the National Broadcaster, with the Hon'ble GoM.

5. The enclosed order is clear violation of the fundamental rights and privileges, granted by the Govt of India, to the underprivileged and deprived classes, especially SC/ST/OBCs of the country and thereby the same deserves to be condemned and withdrawn.
We, the Federation, comprising of 21 Associations have unanimously decided to hold gate meetings of NFADE in all regional headquarters on 15.10.2008 during lunch time and may go ahead with agitational program to defend our cause.

We request an meeting with your good self to address the following demands:

1. Directions to Prasar Bharati for Immediate withdrawal of the said autocratic order and action against the persons behind this.
2. Immediate convening of the meeting of the high power committee chaired by Secy, I&B to finalise the amendment to Prasar Bharati act, within one month.
3. Reassurance on our demand that all the employees and asset of AIR & DD will remain with Govt.
4. Roll back of the Prasar Bharati and strengthening AIR & Doordarshan as National Broadcaster for the sake of national integrity.

The emergency council meeting of NFADE has resolved that if we fail to get an appointment from your good offices for a meeting till 16.10.2008, the anxious and agitated members of NFADE will walk down to your office to seek your kind intervention on 16.10.2008.

Looking forward for an urgent action,

With best regards,

(Kulbhushan Bhatia)
Secretary General

Copy for kind information to:

1. Sh. Priya Ranjan Dasmunsi, Hon’ble Minister for I&B, New Delhi
2. Ms. Mira Kumar, Hon’ble Minister for Social Justice, New Delhi
3. The Chairman, SC/ST Commission, New Delhi
4. Sh. Arun Bhatnagar, Chairman, Prasar Bharati, New Delhi
5. Sh. Jayalal, Director General, All India Radio, New Delhi.
6. Ms. Noreen Naqvi, Director General, Doordarshan, New Delhi.

(Kulbhushan Bhatia)
Secretary General