

Sh. P. Chidambaram
Hon'ble Minister for Home Affairs &
Chairman, Hon'ble GoM on Prasar Bharati
New Delhi.

Sub: Request to grant a meeting to present the factual status of AIR & Doordarshan and its employees, to Hon'ble GoM

Ref: Various representations from this Federation
Letter No. CEO/PB/MAR/2010/263,dated 16/3/2010 issued by CEO, Prasar Bharati
Letter No. 45011/20/2010-BA(P) dated 16/3/2010 issued by Ministry of I&B and forwarded by the o/o CEO, Prasar Bharati vide letter No.A-10/118/2007-PPC(Vol.II)

Respected Sir,

It is our privilege to write to you on behalf of NFADE, which is an umbrella organisation of 21 staff Associations of AIR & Doordarshan, the **National & Public Service Broadcaster**, representing 38,000 employees through out the country.

We would like bring it to your kind attention that the agitation of the employees were postponed after the meetings held with Smt. Ambika Soni, Hon'ble Minister for Information & Broadcasting on 15th March and with CEO, Prasar Bharati on 16th March 2010 and thereafter the letters in reference, issued by the Ministry & CEO, Prasar Bharati in which it was assured that the proposal from this Federation to Repeal Prasar Bharati Act 1990 will be forwarded to the Hon'ble GoM. Accordingly we are have submitted the reasons, justifying our demand for Repealing Prasar Bharati Act 1990, with a request to forward it to the Ministry & Hon'ble GoM, to the CEO, Prasar Bharati.

Hon'ble Minister of State for I&B replied in the Hon'ble Parliament on 26.4.2010 that the demand of NFADE to Repeal Prasar Bharati Act, due to the bad experience of last 12 years, has already been forwarded to GoM

The Federation and the employees have been waiting for discussion on our demand in the Hon'ble GoM, since the assurance from Prasar Bharati & Ministry of I&B, to present our demand in front of Hon'ble GoM. But, unfortunately,



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instead of presenting our case, CEO, Prasar Bharati presented an artificial glorified financial picture to Hon'ble GoM, which is contradicting with the details presented by Hon'ble Minister for I&B in the Hon'ble Lok Sabha on 09.03.2010. As per that statement the details for the last two years are:

Financial Year	Income	Expenditure	Gap between Expenditure & Income
2008-09	1096.78	2518.88	1422.10
2009-10	1119.00	3098.00	1979.00

(Amount in Rs. Crores of Rupees; For the year 2009-10 figures are provisional)

Whereas in the meeting of 16/04/2010 evening, CEO claimed to have earned 55% of the funds. The point is that major chunk of income of Prasar Bharati is from Government departments.

It is very interesting that inspite of repeated statements and affidavit in the Hon'ble Supreme Court that the Prasar Bharati is financially not viable, CEO, Prasar Bharati has been making efforts to present an exaggerated picture to Hon'ble GoM. Meanwhile CEO, Prasar Bharati has issued the letter in reference in which it is stated that Prasar Bharati is planning to recruit employees, with excuse that Hon'ble GoM decided to handover the employees who are joined after 05/10/2007 to Prasar Bharati. We have repeatedly brought it to the kind notice of the CEO, Prasar Bharati that he can continue the recruitments following the existing RRs of the Govt of India, like the ones recruited after 5/10/2007, till a final decision on our demand of Repeal Prasar Bharati Act 1990, is taken.

As the circumstances are fast changing for Prasar Bharati, we understand that Hon'ble GOM is going to take some final decision. As such we would request your august office to kindly grant us a meeting, at a date and time of your convenience, so that we can present our view points and bring forward our apprehensions and comprehensions regarding the same. Some of the points of our concern are attached for your kind consideration.

Hope an early audience will be scheduled to present the views of 38000 employees to your kind notice.

With warm regards

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Copy for kind information to: **Smt. Ambika Soni, Hon'ble Minister for I&B, New Delhi.**

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