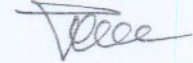


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**Subject: Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee constituted to consider
and recommend amendments to Prasar Bharati Act.**

The undersigned is directed to forward the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee constituted to consider and recommend amendments to the Prasar Bharati Act held on 18th March, 2008 at 3.00 p.m. For information and necessary action.



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To,

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3. Deputy Secretary (B)
4. ☒ Chairman, NFADE

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1. P.S. to Secretary, I&B
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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE
CONSTITUTED TO CONSIDER AND RECOMMEND
AMENDMENTS TO THE PRASAR BHARATI ACT HELD ON 18TH
MARCH 2008 AT 3.00 P.M.**

A meeting was held under the Chairpersonship of Secretary, I&B in Committee Room (Room No.655, 'A' Wing, Shastri Bhawan) on 18th March, 2008 at 3.00 p.m. to further discuss the proposed amendments to the Prasar Bharati Act. List of the participants is annexed.

2. At the outset, Secretary, I&B welcomed all the members. She mentioned that the Ministry has received the letter dated 27.2.2008 rejecting the amendments proposed in the last meeting held on 8.2.2008. However, she will like to know the views in detail from members of NFADE with regard to the proposed amendments to the Prasar Bharati Act. All the five members of the NFADE expressed their views which are summed up as under:

- (i) The proposed 'deemed deputation' status to Prasar Bharati employees with facilities at par with Central Government employees as per recommendations made by GOM is not acceptable. The members mentioned that they would like to continue as regular Government employees. In case the proposed amendments changing their status to 'deemed deputation' was agreed to, there will be three types of employees in Prasar Bharati which is not desirable.
- (ii) The employees representatives said that the Government should repeal the Prasar Bharati Act. In case for some reason this option is not acceptable, the second option could be considered

whereby employees and assets of All India Radio and Doordarshan should be with Government while granting functional autonomy to Prasar Bharati on policy decisions such as programme content.

- (iii) Amendments now proposed only relate to 'deemed deputation' status of Prasar Bharati employees only. Comprehensive amendments to the Prasar Bharati Act, 1990 may be considered as suggested by NFADE in its letter dated 22.10.2007.
- (iv) As per recommendation of GOM in its last meeting, facilities of CGHS, General Pool accommodation to the employees of Prasar Bharati and admission of their wards to Kendriya Vidyalaya was to be extended. However, Prasar Bharati are still facing problems in getting these facilities particularly on outstation transfers. It was mentioned that they are no longer eligible for any fresh allotments. No orders for CGHS benefits or Kendriya Vidyalaya admissions have been issued by the respective ministries.

3. Secretary I&B informed the members that a Note has already been sent for approval of the Cabinet Committee on Accommodation on the issue of continuance of allotment of accommodation from General Pool to the employees of Prasar Bharati. Other two issues viz. CGHS facility and admission of wards in Kendriya Vidyalaya have also been taken up with Ministry of Health and Ministry of HRD respectively. Response from these Ministries is awaited. However, in order to ensure that employees of Prasar Bharati do not face any difficulty in the matter of health or admission to Kendriya Vidyalayas, she will speak to the concerned Secretaries in the Ministry of Health and Ministry of HRD.

4. Summing up the discussion, Secretary, I&B informed members that the present mandate given by GOM was to propose amendments to Section 11 of the Prasar Bharati Act, 1990 and the CCS (Pension) Rules so far as it relates to 'deemed deputation' status of Prasar Bharati employees, as per the recommendations of the GOM in its last meeting. She assured the members that views expressed by them today will be placed before GOM in its next meeting. Finally, it was decided that a draft agenda for GOM in its next meeting, indicating views of members of NFADE will be prepared by Member(Personnel), Prasar Bharati and sent to the Ministry at the earliest.

5. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.
