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Second day of the 48 hour “Boycott of Duties” call of the federation .

National Federation of Akashvani and Doordarshan Employees (NFADE) an umbrella organization of 21 service associations of around 38,000 employees of various disciplines of AIR and Doordarshan working in 1800 stations/ Kendra’s spread all over the country had given a **duty boycott call for 48 hours from 9AM of 23 Nov to 9AM of 25 Nov 2010 which continued for the second day today.**

The boycott of the duties has affected 100 % of AIR network and paralysed over 86 % of Doordarshan network. The erratic services that were on air were managed by a skeletal staff by using old recordings and by utilizing services of casual staff. Even stale stories were being passed off as NEWS.

The first day of the “**duty boycott**” call was a resounding success and was extremely well covered by a large number of the National and regional dailies. The second day of the duty boycott passed off peacefully with a few more AIR Stations and TV stations like DD Sahyadri (Marathi) blacking out. The regional language satellite channels of Doordarshan/AIR were totally disrupted and hence had to link up with the National channel to relay old and stale repeat programmes.

After today’s successful protest, **72 hours of Boycott of duties from 13 to 16 December 2010, has been planned, which will continue indefinitely**, if the demand of the federation for the “**Repeal of the Prasar Bharati Act**” is not met.

Though the Govt introduced the PB Amendment Bill 2010 in the Hon’ble Parliament, employees fear that the provisions in the bill may complicate the issue further.

“The Boycott of duties has paralysed the functioning of AIR & Doordarshan all over the Country”

The Federation has received an over-whelming support from international trade unions / organizations like Union Network International Global Union and its affiliates, who have already approached the Hon’ble Prime Minister of India to intervene in the matter.

The Federation also wishes to state categorically that the 48 hours agitation was launched with a single agenda of REPEAL OF THE PRASAR BHARATI ACT, and was in no way against the CEO of Prasar Bharati, as made out to be in a few news dailies. The Federation wishes to thank all the News agencies, Newspapers and electronic media for their extensive coverage of the agitation.

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- 2 Programme Staff Asscn of AIR&DD (PSA)
- 3 AIR & DD Technical Employees Asscn (ADTEA)
- 4 AIR & DD Engineers Association (ADEA)
- 5 Akhil Bharatiya Akashvani Gr.D Karmachari Sangh
- 6 AIR&DD Motor Drivers Association
- 7 AIR & DD Stenographers Assn.
- 8 DD Group D Union
- 9 Akashvani Announcers Association
- 10 Asscn. of DD Programme production personnel.
- 11 DD Programme Professionals Union
- 12 AIR CCW Employees Union
- 13 JE Asscn.CCW, AIR
- 14 AES(E) of CCW
- 15 Audience Research Employees Asscn
- 16 DD News Professionals Forum
- 17 Akashvani Rajyabha sha Staff Asscn.
- 18 AIR & DD Library Staff Asscn.
- 19 Doordarshan Camera men Welfare Asscn.
- 20 Broadcasting Musicians Association of AIR
- 21 Carpenters &Painters Employees Asscn of AIR&DD