

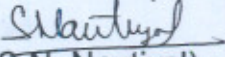
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**Subject: Minutes of the first meeting of the Committee constituted under the Chairmanship of Member (Personnel), Prasar Bharati to consider amendments of Prasar Bharati Act, 1990 held on 27.01.2011.**

Minutes of the meeting held under the Chairmanship of Member (Personnel), Prasar Bharati Secretariat on 27.01.2011 at 3.00 PM with the representatives of NFADE relating to amendment of Prasar Bharati Act, 1990 are forwarded herewith for further necessary action.

  
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**Minutes of the first meeting of the Committee constituted  
under the chairmanship of Member (Personnel)  
to consider amendments to Prasar Bharati Act, 1990, held on 27.01.2011.**

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The first meeting of the Committee constituted under the chairmanship of Member (P), Prasar Bharati to consider amendments to Prasar Bharati Act, 1990 was held at 3.00 PM on 27.1.2011. List of participants is at **Annexure 1**.

The meeting was held with the representatives of NFADE.

At the outset, the chairman welcomed the participants and gave a brief resume of the background under which the Committee was formed. He indicated that earlier a Committee was constituted by the Government under the chairmanship of the then Secretary, Ministry of I&B which also had Member (P) and employees' representatives as Members. The Committee held two to three meetings on the subject. Ministry of I&B formulated a proposal for amendment to Section 11 of Prasar Bharati Act to operationalise the decision of GOM that employees recruited upto 5.10.2007 would continue to be Government servants on deemed deputation to Prasar Bharati and employees recruited thereafter would be Prasar Bharati employees. The Ministry introduced a Bill in Parliament for carrying out the amendments. The Bill was referred by the Speaker to Standing Committee on IT. After considering the Bill in consultation with the representatives of MIB, Prasar Bharati and the employees' Associations, the Committee, inter-alia, recommended that comprehensive amendment to the Act may be finalised and the modified bill be introduced again. It also recommended that the amendments may be finalized in consultation with the employees' Associations so that their apprehensions are also addressed. He further indicated that NFADE and other employees' Associations had proposed to go on strike in December, 2010 in support of their demand for repeal of Prasar Bharati Act. After negotiations with the Three Member Committee and the Ministry of I&B, the Associations revised their demand to carrying out comprehensive amendments to the Act. On assurance by the TMC that the amendments to be proposed by Prasar Bharati to the Ministry of I&B would be considered in consultation with the employees and they would also be given an opportunity to present their case before Prasar Bharati Board before finalizing the recommendations of the Board, NFADE agreed to defer the strike. Consequently, the present Committee was formed under his chairmanship having representatives from NFADE



The Chairman thereafter invited representatives of NFADE to indicate their proposals for amendments to the Act. NFADE representatives gave a compendium of their proposal which were discussed in detail one by one. The proposal of NFADE was that the employees and assets should continue to be with the Government and Prasar Bharati should only be given functional autonomy. For this purpose, IEBR generated by Prasar Bharati should be utilized by the Corporation for programme content etc. and all expenditure on salaries etc. of the employees and expansion/maintenance of the assets should be borne by the Government. In the light of this premise, they proposed amendments to Sections 3, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 32 of the Act. A statement indicating the amendments proposed by NFADE is given at Annexure II. These were discussed in detailed one by one and the view point of NFADE was noted for further consideration.

Thereafter, amendments to other sections of the Act were also considered. It was considered that there was perhaps no need for a Broadcasting Council as there would be a Parliamentary Committee consisting of 22 members of Parliament under Section 13 of the Act. Therefore, Sections 14 & 15 could be deleted and consequential amendments made to other Section of the Act having reference of Broadcasting Council. It was also considered that Section 22 of the Act should be revived as it would reduce burden of various taxes.

It was decided that the Committee would consider the amendments further in the meeting to be held at 3 PM on 1.02.2011.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.



**List of the Participants who attended the meeting Held on 27.01.2011 at 3.00 PM under the Chairmanship of M(P) regarding Amendments to Prasar Bharati Act-1990**

1. Smt. Aruna Sharma, DG, DDn
2. Ms. Noreen Naqvi, DG, AIR
3. Shri G. Jayalal, DDG AIR
4. Ms. Preeti Pant, Dir(A)/DDG(A), DDn
5. Shri H.K. Pani, DDG(A), AIR
6. Ms. Mridula Ghai, Dir(A), DG: AIR
7. Shri Ashok Kumar, Consultant
8. Shri Anil Kumar. S, Chairman, NFADE
9. Shri Kulbhushan Bhatia, Secretary General, NFADE
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11. Shri Sanjay Kumar, Vice- Chairman, NFADE
12. Shri V.N. Jha, Vice- Chairman, NFADE
13. Shri S.N. Nautiyal, AM(P), Prasar Bharati Sectt
14. Smt. Sunita, AM(PPC-I), Prasar Bharati Sectt.