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**Sub: Repeal PB Act 1990 – proposal for Hon'ble GoM**

**Ref: Letter No. CEO/PB/MAR/2010/263, dated 16/3/2010 issued by your goodself  
Letter No. 45011/20/2010-BA(P) dated 16/3/2010 issued by Ministry of I&B  
and forwarded by your office vide letter No.A-10/118/2007-PPC(Vol.II)**

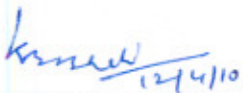
Sir,

Kindly refer to the meetings held with Smt. Ambika Soni, Hon'ble Minister for Information & Broadcasting on 15<sup>th</sup> March and with your goodself on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2010 and thereafter the letters in reference, issued by the Ministry & your goodself in which it was assured that the proposal from this Federation on Prasar Bharati Act 1990 will be forwarded to the Hon'ble GoM.

We are hereby attaching the reasons, justifying our demand for Repealing Prasar Bharati Act 1990. We request your goodself to kindly forward it to the Ministry & Hon'ble GoM with your strong recommendation.

*We will be highly obliged if the Hon'ble GoM can grant a formal meeting to this Federation so that we can present our viewpoints in detail.*

With warm regards

  
(Kulbhushan Bhatia)  
Secretary General

  
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## Repeal PB Act – some of the justifications

- Today, there's a big question mark on the financial viability of Prasar Bharati. The Government and Prasar Bharati have also filed an affidavit to this effect in the Supreme Court, fully agreeing that Prasar Bharati is financial not viable.
- During the last couple of year, we've met a number of senior leaders from different political parties. Most of them have expressed the opinion that the relevance of Prasar Bharati certainly requires a revisit in today's context.

## Contradictions within Prasar Bharati

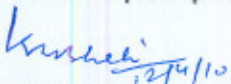
- The concept of the Prasar Bharati was to ensure autonomy to News & Current Affairs, but the interesting fact is that the officers responsible for News & Current Affairs will continue in Govt. service (on deputation to PB) and the other employees who have nothing to do with the basic concept will be sent to the autonomous Prasar Bharati
- Section 12 of PB Act 1990 emphasis on its responsibilities as National & Public Service Broadcaster.
- ***The duties of the “National Broadcaster” include ensuring the integrity & security of the country while informing the masses about the policy initiatives of the Government***
- The expenses being incurred on maintaining an elaborate office for Prasar Bharati is proving to be an additional burden on the exchequer at the cost of program quality and production in Akashvani and Doordarshan. While AIR and DD have to look towards the ministry for all the policy decisions, Prasar Bharati has just become a conduit for exchanging the official communication.
- Now it is felt by the employees that AIR & DD is deprived of the production and coverage of Commonwealth Games perhaps due to the inability of the Prasar Bharati to convince Govt & Commonwealth Games Federation.
- For the last couple of months, Prasar Bharati is in news for all the wrong reasons. Stories about the in-fighting amongst the members of the Prasar Bharati Board are there all over the media in the recent past. This is adversely affecting the functioning of Prasar Bharati.

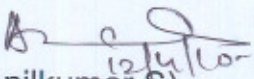
- The in-house production of Doordarshan came down to alarming levels, thus rendering the hardware worth thousands of crores useless.
- Till March 2000, PB was funded from the Consolidated Fund of India
- In April 2000, funding was drastically modified and Prasar Bharati has been asked to generate its own resources
- Funds for capital projects have been provided as loans to PB at 14.5% interest.
- Funds for Operation and Maintenance provided as Grants-in-aid is not sufficient even for the salary of the employees.
- It is very pathetic to mention that it has become a regular practice in Prasar Bharati that the employees at various stations are not getting their salaries on time for the last couple of years.

Problems being faced by AIR & DD and its employees after the enactment of PB

- No attention paid for HRD since the formation of Prasar Bharati
- Thousands of posts were abolished inspite of the fact that DOP&T has exempted operational cadres from abolition under ADRP scheme.
- No infusion of fresh talent for about last so many years
- The minutes of the meetings of Prasar Bharati Board for last few years will show that the Prasar Bharati was least concerned about this prestigious organization & its' employees.
- Hon'ble Prime Minister was kind enough to assure this Federation, way back in August 2005 that the Government can consider our demand after granting one more fare chance for the improvement of Prasar Bharati.
- The Hon'ble GoM, Constituted on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2006, under the chairmanship of Sh. Shivraj Patil, Hon'ble Minister for Home Affairs, has decided to retain the employees of AIR & DD (with a cut off date of 5/10/2007) as Central Govt Employees.
- In view of the 12 years of experience and changed Broadcast Scenario, repealing Prasar Bharati Act is the only solution to save AIR & Doordarshan from further destruction. While private media takes pride in sensationalising petty incidents, it is our humble submission that Govt. of the day must have a channel in its hands to place a balanced perspective in front of the country.

Sincerely yours

  
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