

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3317

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ABOLITION OF POSTS

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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has, on the proposal of Expenditure Reforms Committee constituted by the Ministry of Finance, decided to abolish number of posts in the Ministry; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) & (b) Ministry of Information & Broadcasting had initially agreed to abolition of 1334 posts, subject to certain steps to be taken for rationalization of different organizations.

The matter regarding implementation of the ERC's recommendations was placed before the Committee of Secretaries which in its meeting held on 28th April, 2004, inter alia proposed that the Field Publicity and Song & Drama Division be closed down and the Photo Division, Publications Division and Films Division be downsized substantially.

The matter is proposed to be reviewed before the Committee of Secretaries after the completion of a detailed study of the various issues and options. Therefore, revised estimation with regard to the number of posts to be abolished has not been worked out as yet.