

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:534

ANSWERED ON:22.05.2006

PRASAR BHARATI

Singh Shri Chandra Bhushan;Verma Shri Ravi Prakash

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

- (a) whether the Government had constituted a Group of Ministers (GoMs) for strengthening the Prasar Bharati;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the recommendations made by the GoMs in this regard; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. DASMUNSI)

(a), (b), (c) & (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 534 FOR ANSWER ON 22.5.2006

(a): Yes Sir.

(b): In order to strengthen the working of Prasar Bharati, the Government has constituted a Group of Ministers (GoM) on 7th March, 2006 to inter alia consider the following issues pertaining to it:-

- (i) Capital Structure and funding pattern for Prasar Bharati;
- (ii) Restoration of Section 22 of the Prasar Bharati Act;
- (iii) Continuation of facilities of accommodation, health and education to the employees until they join Prasar Bharati;
- (iv) Financial package and service conditions to be offered to the employees for joining Prasar Bharati;
- (v) Filling up of essential category posts in AIR and Doordarshan;
- (vi) Amendments, if any, to Prasar Bharati Act, 1990, in the light of working of the Act;
- (vii) Transition to commercial Audit; and
- (viii) Other related issues, if any.

(c): The first meeting of the GoM was held on 18.5.2006 to consider the above matters relating to Prasar Bharati.

(d): Does not arise.