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Title: Need to regularize the services of all the casual announcers of Akashvani in the country.

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SHRIMATI BOTCHA JHANSI LAKSHMI (VIZIANAGARAM): I wish to bring an important issue to the notice of this august House that there are some casual announcers working at Akashvani Stations across India for a long time. The Akashvani has not taken up measures for regular recruitment of permanent announcers for the past 15 years and thus 80% of the human resources are occupied by panel selected, trained and VANI certified casual announcers who are also operating as broadcasting executive and in other jobs related to broadcasting along with announcing assignment. In this connection, some Hon'ble Members have brought to the notice of Hon'ble Minister to take necessary action to solve the problem of casual announcers and to make their services permanent at the earliest possible. But, nothing has been done so far.

I, therefore, urge upon the government to look into the matter and understand the plight of casual announcers of Akashvani across the country and issue instructions to the concerned officials to absorb them as permanent announcers of Akashvani.