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of

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Sub: Repeal Prasar Bharati Act 1990

Ref: Various letters and meetings with your goodself.

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Ma'm,

We are grateful to your goodself for the meeting granted on 26th October 2009 in which you were kind enough to extend a patient hearing on the issues raised by this Federation for the interest of AIR & Doordarshan and its employees.

We would like to reiterate that the demand of the Federation was ***to retain the National & Public Service Broadcaster with the Govt of India by Repealing the Prasar Bharati Act 1990, especially in the light of developments in Electronic media in India for the last few years.*** Today we have 454 TV channels and 248 Radio channels (with another 320 waiting for license) in the private network- as Commercial Broadcasters; the public now has many options at the press of the few buttons of remote control. ***It is also a fact that the experiments over the last 12 years proved that Prasar Bharati is not only financially unviable but defeated its very basic concept.***

Sh. Priya Ranjan Dasmunsi, the then Hon'ble Minister for I&B was kind enough to accept our request partly for retention of employees and assets with the Government of India and thereafter to consider the main demand of Repeal the Prasar Bharati in due course by Hon'ble GoM. The written assurance from Hon'ble Minister on 27/09/2007 that "***I fully agree with the decision of the meeting held with Secretary, I&B and assure employees to defend their cause not only before GoM, if necessary before PM too***" has reaffirmed concern of the Government towards the employees and thereby created a ray of hope amongst the employees (the above abstract is from the minutes of the meeting, the Ministry held with NFADE on 27/9/2007).

Further it is learnt that the hon'ble GoM, in the meeting held on 26/9/2008 decided to propose the amendments in section 11 of PB Act and Rule 37 (a) of CCS (Pension) Rules to retain the employees, who joined the service upto 05/10/2007, on deemed deputation with all benefits of Central Govt employees. Hon'ble Union Cabinet in the meeting held on 29th January 2009 agreed to retain the employees with the Govt.

Your goodself will also appreciate that two or three types of employees (belonging to Govt, Deputation and Corporation) will not be healthy for any organisation especially the National Broadcaster whose foremost duty is to ensure the Security and Integrity of the Country.


As we have pointed out in the our letter dated 27/11/2009, AIR & Doordarshan is the unique organisation in the world endowed with the dual role of National as well as Public Service Broadcaster and thereby it is the responsibility of the Government as well as the democracy of this country to ensure the existence of AIR & Doordarshan in India.

We have already brought it into your kind notice through various letters and in the meeting held on 26/10/2009 that the Members of the Prasar Bharati Board are least bothered about the divine role of this august organisation and they are busy with infighting amongst themselves thereby created a complete chaos in the organisation for the last six - eight months. As pointed out in our letter dated 30/11/2009, the tug of war between members of the Prasar Bharati Board has reached such a level that it is affecting day to day functioning of both the organizations of AIR&DD.

Madam, under these circumstances, the employees of AIR & Doordarshan throughout the country are forced to launch the 6th phase of agitation as per the schedule given below with the single demand to **"Repeal the Prasar Bharati Act 1990"**.

1. 15. 12.2009: Day long (from 1000 hrs to 1600 hrs) Dharna at Delhi with Lunch Hour Gate meetings at Zonal Headquarters & Capital Stations
2. 04.01.2010 Sending view of employees from stations to Chairperson UPA, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha, Hon'ble Chairman, Rajya Sabha, Hon'ble Leader of Opposition and Hon'ble Minister for I&B through telegrams/ Email/ Fax with Gate meetings on 08.01.2010 at all stations.
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3. 19.01.2010 One day Hunger Strike at Akashvani Bhavan, New Delhi with day long Dharna (0930 hrs to 1800 hrs) at major stations and Lunch hour Gate meetings at all Stations.
4. 02.02.2010 Relay Hunger Strike at Akashvani Bhavan, New Delhi for three days and to Hunger strike for one day (0930 to 1800 hrs.) at all Zonal Headquarters and major AIR&DD Centres along with lunch hour gate meeting all over India on 04.02.2010.
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5. 23.02.2010 March to Parliament from Doordarshan Bhawan, Mandi House, New Delhi and Raj Bhavan March at State Capitals with Lunch Hour Gate meetings at all AIR&DD stations.
6. 17.03.2010 Mass Casual Leave with Day Long Dharna at all Stations/Kendras

With warm regards


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4. Smt.Aruna Sharma IAS, Director General, Doordarshan, New Delhi.

