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### AIR & DOORDARSHAN ON FIRE

**NFADE March to Parliament on 16.04.2008**

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It was an altogether different scene at Doordarshan Headquarters today at 10.00am. The employees of All India Radio and Doordarshan were staging their strong protest under the banner of National Federation of Akashvani and Doordarshan Employees (NFADE), an umbrella organization of 21 service associations representing around 40,000 employees of All India Radio & Doordarshan. A large gathering of employees was indicative of the fire in making.

NFADE leaders, addressing the gathering, spoke about their long struggle to safe guard the future of the employees and the organisation. They cautioned about sinister designs of a few to get the precious assets property of AIR & Doordarshan away from Govt. and ultimately sell it to private. They stressed that Prasar Bharati Act was passed in the year 1990, when there was no private broadcaster in our country and AIR and Doordarshan were monopolies. Today, in the changed scenario, when there are hundreds of private TV channels and Radio stations, there is no relevance of Prasar Bharati. The organization is proved to be a financially unviable proposition, unnecessarily competing with the private broadcasters to grab advertising revenues. Most of the countries in the world have one exclusive National/ Public broadcaster owned/ funded by Government apart from host of private channels, which work quite independently in their domain. NFADE leaders claimed that even senior political leaders cutting across the party lines share the same vision and hence *the employees of AIR & Doordarshan demand for repeal of the outdated and irrelevant Prasar Bharati Act and at least a decision that the employees and the assets of AIR & Doordarshan should remain with Government.*

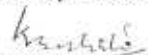
Political leaders/ MPs from major political parties also shared the platform and addressed the gathering. Addressing the rally at Mandi house *Mr. Mohan Singh, MP (SP) said that it is the duty of the government to ensure to safeguard the interest of the employees.*

Around 2000 employees of AIR & Doordarshan ranging from Group 'D' to Group 'A' marched in a disciplined rally towards Parliament. The employees' common concern is Uncertainty and Non- willingness to join Prasar Bharati, which they feel is going to be a sick undertaking. How can the authorities ask us to work at Leh, Laddakh, Bastar, Kalahandi remote North East, Tawang(Arunachal) etc for the poor people, for the border area, for the security & integrity of the nation and ask us to earn as well. These are double standard. Nowhere in the world is it so.

The rally culminated in a gathering at Parliament Street, which was addressed by *Shri Hannan Mollah, MP (CPI(M)) and Shri D.Raja MP (CPI)*. Memorandums were submitted to the Prime Minister and Minister for I&B. *NFADE leaders warned that if the authorities do not take concrete decision, the Federation would have no choice but to go for direct confrontation.*

Similar Rallies to Raj Bhawan, Collectorate & o/o SDM were held at State Capitals, District Headquarters and Talukas respectively through out the country.

With deep regards,

  
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