Ministry of Information & Broadcasting BA(E) Section

Subject: - Fixation of pay in respect of Technical Staffs - Audit Objections

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The pay scales of certain categories of employees in Prasar Bharati were upwardly revised vide Ministry of T&B's letter no. 310/173/97-B(D) dated 25.02.1999. The very first paragraph of the letter reads as under:-

"The employees belonging to certain cadres in All India Radio and Doordarshan (particularly, 'subordinate engineering and programme cadres), had been agitating for grant of higher scales of pay than those recommended by the Vth Central Pay Commission and accepted vide Government of India Resolution of 30th September, 1997. The matter has been carefully considered by the Government and it has been decided to further upgrade the scales of pay of the categories of employees of All India Radio and Doordarshan of Prasar Bharati (Broadcasting Corporation of India) as indicated against each category in Annexure-I."

- The upgradation of the pay scale was in continuation of the recommendations made by the Vth Pa, Commission. recommendations were made only after consultation with DOP&T and Ministry of Finance. As such, the contention of the audit that the pay scales given to the employees vide O.M. dated 25.02.1999 are apart from the recommendations of Vth Pay Commission is untenable.
- We may accordingly clarify to Prasar Bharati that the upgraded pay scales have to be considered in the light of the Vth Pay Commission's recommendations only as the pay scales recommended and accepted by the Government vide Resolution dated 30.09.1997 stand amended in the light of the O.M. dated 25.02.1999 in respect of the employees of Prasar Bharati. Accordingly, the revised pay granted to the employees in accordance with O.M. dated 25.02.1999 has to be fixed as provided in CCS(RP) Rules 1997 as indicated in the above stated O.M.

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