

All India Radio plans to conduct voice modulation test, has not sacked RJs aged above 35

Prasar Bharati, as a gesture of goodwill and recognition of the services of several casual announcers/RJs/Anchors who had served AIR with devotion and loyalty, has decided not to disturb any RJ aged above 35. Rather the review panel of Prasar Bharati has decided to subject them to a skill test, entrusting the task to agencies whose neutrality and credentials are beyond doubt. Those currently on the panel of Casual RJs, and also those who are aspiring to join the ranks, may take the skill test as and when it is held.

DG AIR said, "AIR has no plans whatsoever to sack anybody. Let all concerned rest assured that AIR has no such designs. We would conduct a voice test for all and ensure each casual/ RJs/Announcer get a chance to prove their versatility in front of the mic."

For clarification, the Public Service Broadcaster would like to mention that a casual jockey/Artiste of All India Radio is engaged temporarily on assignment basis for a certain shift or show, on fee payable as per the rate card. They are not entitled to regularization of any form.

So, the news item 'All India Radio Sacks 100 RJs aged above 35' is based on a news conference held by members of the 'All India Radio Broadcasters Welfare Association' (AIRBWAK), Kolkata and is a false alarm. Some elements want to indulge in sensation-mongering and spread canards against the benevolent management of Prasar Bharati.