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Prasar Bharati CEO Jawhar Sircar officially seeks early retirement

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MUMBAI: Prasar Bharati CEO Jawhar Sircar has been known to not pull any punches. Last month, he had expressed his desire to resign from his post to the media as he was not getting anywhere with the organisation and neither was Prasar Bharati. Now, he has written to the ministry of information & broadcasting secretary (MIB) Ajay Mittal stating that he would like to resign prematurely from 4 November, says a PTI report.

He has also written to I&B minister Venkaiah Naidu, expressing his desire to resign from his position post-Diwali – that is after 30 October. The report goes on to state that he would like to relocate to Kolkata.

Sircar was yanked out of his position as secretary, culture, and installed as the Prasar Bharati CEO by an eminent panel led by the then Indian vice-president and a Supreme Court judge during the UPA government's tenure in 2012. He serves as the vice-president of the Asia Pacific Broadcasting Union, which is a club of broadcasters from 67 countries. He has also had two short stints MIB secretary during his career.