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Subject: Appointment of the ABC Board

I wish to add my voice to the increasing clamour for a Board, which is free of political appointees and is seen to be so. The ABC is one of the most important institutions in this country. Because it is an objective voice, when it comes to assessment of government, there is the inevitable temptation to make the Board sympathetic to government and the suspicion is always there. We need a system whereby all shades of political opinion in parliament are involved in the appointments made to the Board and there should be A NON-POLITICAL ELEMENT TO THE APPOINTMENTS SUYSTEM, WHICH HAS A CONTROLLOING VOTE IN THE CASE OF DEADLOCK.

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