

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3115  
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PUBLICATION OF NEWSPAPERS  
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government have received requests in regard to publication of some new daily, weekly, fortnightly newspapers in the country during the last year;
- (b) if so, the details of the number of requests received from January 1, 2000 till date, State-wise;
- (c) the details of number of newspapers for which approval has been accorded, the number of requests still under consideration and the number rejected alongwith the reasons therefor, State-wise; and
- (d) the details of the number and the names and addresses of the dailies, weeklies and fortnightlies being published as on July 15, 2001 State-wise?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): During the period from 1st January 2000 to 1st August 2001, the Office of the Registrar of Newspapers for India (RNI) received 28,128 applications for verification of titles. Out of which, 18,852 were approved; 1,801 are under consideration and 7,475 were rejected, due to non-availability of titles in terms of provisions of the Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867. State-wise break-up is given in the Annexure.

(d): As on 31.12.2000, a total number of 5,364 dailies, 17,749 weeklies and 6,553 fortnightlies were registered as newspapers with the RNI. The State-wise break-up and the details regarding the names and addresses of these publications to the extent normally compiled by RNI are available in the Annual Reports of the RNI titled 'Press in India'.