

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3682

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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 Union Government have received requests in regard to publication of some new daily, weekly, fortnightly newspapers in the country during the year 2001-02 and 2002-03;

(b) if so, the number of requests received so far from various States, 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 of requests rejected alongwith the reasons therefor, State-wise; and

(d) the details and the names and addresses of the dailies, weeklies and fortnightlies being published as on September 2002, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) : During the period from 01.04.2001 to 30.09.2002, the Office of Registrar, Newspapers for India (RNI) received 28,610 applications for verification of titles. Out of which, 18,352 were approved; 1,048 are under consideration; 8,568 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 30.9.2002, a total number of 5,793 dailies, 19,147 weeklies and 7,124 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 the RNI are available in the Annual Report of the RNI titled 'Press in India'. These details are also available on RNI's website - www.mi.nic.in.