

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2091  
ANSWERED ON:22.07.2004  
NEWSPAPERS FROM SIKKIM  
Rai Shri Nakul Das

**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of the newspapers from Sikkim are registered with the Registrar of Newspaper of India (RNI) at present;
- (b) the details of the newspapers which are getting advertisements from DAVP;
- (c) whether the requests of some of the newspapers from Sikkim are pending with RNI for registration;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which these newspapers are likely to be registered?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) A total of 34 newspapers from Sikkim are registered with the Registrar of Newspapers for India (RNI) as on 30.06.2004. The details are given in Annexure-A.

(b) The following four newspapers are empanelled with Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity (DAVP) for getting advertisements from DAVP:-

- (i) Hemali Purba Sandesh
- (ii) Aj Ko Sikkim
- (iii) Hamro Prajasakti
- (iv) Jan Manch

(c) & (d) : Cases for registration of 9 (nine) newspapers from Sikkim are pending for want of relevant documents, as per details in Annexure-B. Discrepancy letters to respective publishers have already been sent advising them to send the required documents and fulfil the formalities under the Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867.

(e) RNI would issue registration certificate within 30 days from the date of receipt of the complete documents as required under Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867.

ANNEXURE- A

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2091 FOR REPLY ON 22.7.2004.

Total number of registered newspapers from Sikkim till 30.6.2004

Language Tri/Bi-weeklies Weeklies Fortnightlies Monthlies Quarterlies Others Total

English	0	5	1	1	1	1	9
Hindi	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Nepali	2	18	0	0	0	2	22
Bilingual#	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Total	2	26	1	1	1	3	34

# includes a) Nepali Gorkha  
b) English Nepali

ANNEXURE- B

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (c) & (d) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2091 FOR REPLY ON 22.7.2004.

Details of pending cases from Sikkim As on 30.6.2004

S.No. Title Language/Periodicity Place of Publication Discrepancy  
letter issued on

1. The Sikkimese English/Weekly Gangtok 09.04.2001
2. Himalayan Weekend Review English/Weekly -do- 18.04.2001
3. Aaj Ko Samachar Nepali/Daily -do- 20.08.2001
4. Snowline English/Monthly -do- 13.03.2003
5. Sikkim Parivesh Nepali/Weekly -do- 08.06.2004
6. Sikkim Rajdhani Nepali/Weekly -do- 08.06.2004
- 7 Aajako Yuva Shakti Nepali/Weekly -do- 08.06.2004
8. Jan Sambad Nepali/Weekly -do- 08.06.2004
9. Sajha Samachar Nepali/Weekly -do- 08.06.2004