

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

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EXTENSION OF AMENITIES TO NEWSPAPER EMPLOYEES.  
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of the accredited newspapers including that of the local dailies operating in the country;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to provide basic amenities to the employees of these news agencies/papers;
- (c) if so, the details thereof outlining the names of the facilities likely to be extended;and
- (d) if not,the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION & BROADCASTING (SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

(a) to (d): Government does not give accreditation to any newspaper.Ministry of Information & Broadcasting is concerned only with accreditation of Journalists through Press Information Bureau[PIB] by providing Press Accreditation Cards, as per Accreditation Guidelines. PIB also issues railway concession coupons to Accredited Media Persons and makes recommendations to the Directorate of Estates for allotment of quarters under Journalist Quota.