

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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ASSISTANCE TO MEDIA PERSONS OF SMALL NEWSPAPERS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide any assistance to the media persons of small and medium newspapers including senior citizens;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for the welfare of media persons of small and medium newspapers?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. JATUA)

(a) to (d):There is no specific proposal for providing assistance to media persons of small and medium newspapers. However, Journalists including those working in small and medium newspapers are given press accreditation facilities and journalists accredited at Government of India Headquarters are being provided various facilities, namely - Railway Travel Concession, benefits of Central Government Health Scheme, Government accommodation from Press Pool, assistance from Journalists Welfare Fund. Also, custom duty exemption is given to media persons for import of professional equipments as per existing rules.