

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:327

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NATIONAL PRESS CENTRE

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

- (a) whether the Government/Press Information Bureau has signed a contract with the National Building Construction Corporation for the construction of the National Press Centre (NPC);
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the salient features and the facilities proposed for the NPC;
- (c) the extent to which the NPC is likely to benefit the media persons; and
- (d) the time by which it is likely to become functional?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes, Sir. The Press Information Bureau (PIB) has signed a contract with National Building Construction Corporation Limited on 22nd March, 2010 for the construction of National Press Centre at 7-E Raisina Road, New Delhi.

(b) to (d): As per the contract, the National Press Centre is scheduled to be completed by 31st August, 2012 at a total cost of Rs.60.00 crores. The National Press Centre is proposed to be a state of the art media centre which will have the following facilities-

# Press Conference Hall

# Library and workstations for media persons

# Offices for the PIB

# Other amenities to facilitate the smooth working of the media