

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

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

- (a) whether there is a decline in media freedom in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and;
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) So far as Government of India is concerned, it does not have any information or evidence to the effect that there is a decline in media freedom. However, the Government has set up Press Council of India (PCI), a statutory autonomous body under the Press Council Act, 1978 for the purpose of preserving the freedom of Press and news agencies in India. The Press Council deliberates on the complaints received either from the Press or against the press.