

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FOREIGN PARTNERSHIP IN MEDIA
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of Indian media organisations functioning in the country; and
- (b) the names of the media organisations functioning with foreign partnership in the country, media-wise?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The data regarding names of media organizations functioning in the print media are not centrally maintained. However, in respect of private satellite TV channels (electronic media), the list of the media companies permitted under the Uplinking/ Downlinking guidelines is at Annexure-A. The list of such companies having foreign equity is at Annexure-B.

The print media organizations in the news and current affairs sector in respect of which Ministry of Information & Broadcasting has conveyed its 'no objection' to Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB) for foreign investment are as follows,

- (i) HT Media Ltd.
- (ii) Business Standard Ltd.
- (iii) Jagran Prakashan Ltd.
- (iv) Dhara Prakashan Pvt. Ltd.
- (v) Mid-Day Multimedia Pvt Ltd.
- (vi) The Sandesh Ltd.
- (vii) Sambhaav Media Ltd.
- (viii) Business India Publications Ltd.
- (ix) Deccan Chronicle Holdings Ltd.
- (x) Writers & Publishers Ltd.
- (xi) DT Media & Entertainment Pvt. Ltd.
- (xii) Amar Ujala Publications Ltd.
- (xiii) Ushodaya Enterprises Ltd.
- (xiv) Mail Today Newspapers Pvt. Ltd.
- (xv) DB Corp Ltd.
- (xvi) Wall Street Journal India Publishing Pvt. Ltd.
- (xvii) Telegraph Publications Pvt. Ltd.

In addition, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting has also conveyed its 'no objection' to FIPB with respect to foreign investment in Indian entities publishing Speciality/Scientific/Technical magazines. An indicative list is given below,

- (i) Tata Infomedia Ltd.
- (ii) Wolters Kluwer (India) Pvt Ltd.
- (iii) Worldwide Media Pvt. Ltd.
- (iv) Media Transasia India Ltd.
- (v) Reed Elsevier Publishing (India) Pvt. Ltd.
- (vi) Sage Publications India Pvt. Ltd.
- (vii) Springer India Pvt. Ltd. etc.

A comprehensive list of such entities having foreign investment is being compiled and will be laid on the Table of the House.