

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

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ALLOCATION OF LAND TO NEWS AGENCIES
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has allocated/proposes to allocate land/buildings to various news agencies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, news agency-wise including Press Trust of India (PTI) alongwith the criteria for allocation of the said land/building;
- (c) whether there are reports that the said land/buildings allocated to the said agencies are being misused;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor alongwith the action taken in this regard, agency-wise, including PTI; and
- (e) the remedial measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to curb such misuse?

Answer

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

(a)to (d) Yes, Sir. Details are given at annexure.

(e) The Government has constituted a Committee on 25.05.2009 to examine the issues relating to Press/Media plots. The Committee has submitted its report to the Government.