

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

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ASSISTANCE TO MEDIA PERSONS
Jakhar Shri Badri Ram

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide any financial assistance to 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 by the Government for the welfare of media persons associated with the small and medium newspapers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF 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. The 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 and financial assistance from Journalists Welfare Fund.