

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

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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 current policy of the Government on foreign participation in the media sector in the country;
- (b) whether the Government has any proposal to allow more foreign participation in the media sector;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, media-wise; and
- (d) the number of media companies in the country in which foreign partnership was allowed during each of the last three years and the current year?

Answer

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

- (a) : The gist of the current policy of the Government on foreign participation in the media sector in the country is annexed.
- (b) & (c) : No such proposal is under consideration at present.
- (d) : The details of media companies in which foreign partnership was allowed during each of the last three years and the current year is as under:

Private Satellite TV Channel

2008 2009 2010 2011
27 6 7 3

Private FM Radio Sector

2008 2009 2010 2011
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In so far as Print Media Sector is concerned, the details regarding the number of companies having foreign partnership is being collected.