

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4170  
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REGISTRATION OF NEWSPAPERS BY RNI  
Maadam Shri Vikrambhai Arjanbhai

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

- (a) the total number of newspapers registered with the Registrar of Newspapers for India (RNI) in the country at present, State-wise;
- (b) the number of such registered newspapers which are being published in the country, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to open branch offices of the RNI in different States; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and location-wise?

**Answer**

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

- (a) The total number of newspapers registered with the Registrar of Newspapers for India (RNI) as on 30.11.2011 is 85,840. State-wise break up is given at Annexure-I.
- (b) The number of newspapers being published in the country is calculated on the basis of Annual Statement submitted by the publisher under Section 19D of the PRB Act, 1867. As per the data available in RNI, 14,508 newspapers submitted Annual Statement for the year 2010-11. A State-wise break up is at Annexure-II. As of now, there is no other mechanism available in RNI to find out the number of newspapers being published or are in circulation.
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) Does not arise.