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

- (a) whether the Election Commission has indicted certain electronic and print media for paid news during the recent assembly elections held in five States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the names of the media houses against whom allegations have been levelled by the Election Commission;
- (d) whether the Government has conducted any inquiry in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): No Sir.

(b) to (e): Question does not arise.