

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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CLOSURE OF NEWSPAPERS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of newspapers whose publication has been discontinued in the country during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether ownership of all these newspapers has been seized;
- (c) if not, the time-frame by which it is likely to be completed;
- (d) whether any periodical monitoring system exists to ensure compliance of the rules and regulations governing the print media; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI MANISH TEWARI)

- (a) The details of newspapers whose publication has been discontinued during the last three years and the current year are given in Annexure.
- (b) The publication of a newspaper is discontinued after a ceasing declaration is filed by the owner. However, the registration number of such ceased publication is not allotted to any other publisher/owner.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) & (e) The periodical monitoring system is followed as per procedures and guidelines laid under Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867. Under Section 19D of the PRB Act, 1867, publisher is required to furnish to the Press Registrar an Annual Statement containing particulars relating to the newspaper. RNI has put a Notice in its website asking publishers to file their Annual Statement on or before 31st May of every year.

The Government grants permission to publish Indian edition of foreign magazines / journals/periodicals subject to the prescribed guidelines and other terms and conditions including provisions of Press and Registration of Books Act. The Research Reference and Training Division (RRTD), a subordinate division of Ministry of I&B monitors the contents of such Indian editions of foreign publications for any departure from the approved nature of contents.