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

(a) The percentage of printing and electronic media being owned by industrialists and voluntary and social organizations, separately; and

(b) The percentage thereof under the Government's control?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The percentage of printing and electronic media being owned by private sector, voluntary and social organisations (NGOs) or Government sector, separately are not available with Government as the Government do not maintain or posses any such data category-wise. However, as regards the print media, out of 16,310 newspapers that furnished Annual Statements for the year 2011-12, Joint Stock Companies owned 2,091 (12.85%), Societies and Associations owned 406 (2.50%), Trusts owned 317 (1.95%), Firms and Partnerships owned 184 (1.13%) and individuals owned 13,312 (81.57%) of registered newspapers / periodicals.

In so far as electronic media is concerned, this Ministry grants license / permission for operating private satellite TV channel, Direct-to-home services, Headend in the Sky (HITS) services and FM channel to the companies registered under the Companies Act, 1956. For setting up Community Radio Stations (CRS), permission is granted to 'Non-profit' organizations i.e Registered Societies / NGOs / Trusts / Voluntary Organizations, Educational Institutions and Krishi Vigyan Kendras etc. So far 436 permissions have been issued to various organizations as per details given below:

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Registered Societies/NGOs/Trusts/Voluntary Organizations:   208


Educational Institutions:      184
Krishi Vigyan Kendras:        44
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152 Community Radio Stations are presently operational. Out of them 52 are run by NGOs etc., 89 by Educational Institutions and 11 by Krishi Vigyan Kendras.