

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

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World Press Freedom Index  
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether World Press Freedom Index 2014 placed India at 140 position out of 180 countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the measures taken by the Government to ensure the freedom of press in the country and improve performance on the criteria underlying in the ranking?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING [(COLRAJYAVARDHANRATHORE (Retd.)]

(a) to (c): The Government has come across reports carrying the survey of 'World Press Freedom Index, 2014' compiled by the body 'Reporters Without Borders'. A number of reports are available on internet covering aspects like freedom of speech, transparency and censorship across various countries. Different methodology, data and techniques for data collection are followed for preparing such reports. The sources of data collection are also not disclosed.

The Government is committed to ensure the right to freedom of speech and expression enshrined under the Article 19 of the Constitution of India.

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