

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3927
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06-04-2023**

SUPPORT TO PIB CHENNAI, CBC AND PUBLICATION DIVISIONS IN TAMIL NADU

3927. Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu:

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

- (a) the steps taken by Government to provide adequate funds, infrastructure and manpower to develop PIB Chennai, Central Bureau of Communication (CBC) and Publication Divisions in the State of Tamil Nadu;
- (b) the funds allocated, disbursed and utilized during the last five years, year-wise, for the PIB Chennai, CBC and publication department for propagation of Government policies and activities; and;
- (c) the details of the publications brought out by the Central Government in various regional languages to reach out to the people from all linguistic areas in the country and the expenditure incurred thereon?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING; AND
MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)**

- (a) Adequate funds are provided in every financial year to regional offices of PIB, CBC and Publication Division for their infrastructure development and smooth performance of their activities at ground level, along with requisite manpower at various levels.**

(b)The details of funds utilized in respect of PIB, CBC and Publication Division at Chennai are annexed (Annexure-I).

(c)During 2021-22, CBC printed New India Samachar Newsletter (Fortnightly) in 11 regional languages for total expenditure of Rs. 5.59 crores.

Publication Division has brought out 66 books/ journals in 12 regional languages for total expenditure of Rs. 3.23 crores in 2022-23 (upto 27.03.2023).

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Annexure-I

Funds utilized during last five years

(Rupees in lakhs)

Year	PIB, Chennai	CBC, Chennai	Yojana(Tamil)
2018-19	430.96	30.69	42.79
2019-20	366.28	66.78	32.67
2020-21	311.08	146.70	48.19
2021-22	187.64	50.57	50.07
2022-23	190.45	121.82	46.16
