

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING**

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UNSTARRED Q.No. 2486
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.03.2025)**

DEVELOPMENT OF PIB, PUBLICATION DIVISIONS AND CBC

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

(a) the details of funds allocated and utilized, total sanctioned strength and vacancies including details of General, SC, ST and OBC to Press Information Bureau, the Central Bureau of Communication (CBC), and other Publication Divisions, the details thereof, Statewise;

(b) the details of steps taken by Government to ensure adequate funding, infrastructure, and manpower for the development of PIB Chennai, the Central Bureau of Communication (CBC), and Publication Divisions in the State of Tamil Nadu; and

(c) the details of the publications undertaken in various regional languages to reach people of all linguistic regions?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR INFORMATION & BROADCASTING; AND
PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS**

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(a): The details of fund allocation and utilization in the media units of Central Bureau of Communication (CBC), Press Information Bureau (PIB) and Publication Division (DPD) and the number of persons in position in these units (as on 31.3.2024) during the last FY, 2023-24 is as under :

Media Unit	RE 2023-24 (Rs. In Cr.)	Actual Expenditure 2023-24 (Rs. In Cr.)	Category of posts	In position
CBC	192.67	182.58	A	65
			B	212
			C	1076

PIB	106.69	103.81	A	147
			B	124
			C	371
DPD	53.14	53.68	A	22
			B	67
			C	104

Reservations for SCs/STs/OBCs in these posts are provided as per the reservation policy of the Government.

(b): Appropriate allocations are made for the Regional Offices of these Media Units through their Headquarter taking into account the requirements of these units during each financial year. Such allocations are reviewed at various stages of the budgeting process i.e. Revised Estimates and Final Grants.

(c): CBC undertakes information and awareness campaigns in respect of the schemes/programmes/initiatives of the Government whereas PIB acts as an interface between Government and media and provides feed back to the Government on peoples reaction as reflected in the media. Publication Division (DPD) is premier publishing house of the Government which has been established with the objective of enriching the national knowledge repository to preserve the nation's ancient heritage and showcase its strength through quality publications. DPD publishes periodicals including 'Yojana' in English, Hindi and regional languages, 'Kurukshetra' in English and Hindi, 'Bal Bharati' in Hindi, 'Aajkal' in Hindi and Urdu, 'Employment News' in English, Hindi and Urdu. Publication Division also publishes more than 700 books in regional languages including Sanskrit, Assamese, Bengali, Gujarati, Kannada, Maithili, Malayalam, Marathi, Odia, Tamil, Telugu and Punjabi.
