

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING**  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4540**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.3.2017**

**NEWSPAPERS / MAGAZINES**

**4540. SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH VERMA:**

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

- (a) the number of newspapers/ magazines being published in the country at present, the details thereof, State and UT-wise/language-wise;
- (b) whether the objectionable content is being published in many newspapers/ magazines in the country;
- (c) if so, the action taken against such newspapers/magazines and their publishers; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to set up any body for keeping vigil on newspapers/magazines and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING**  
**{COL RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (Retd.)}**

(a) Registrar of Newspapers for India (RNI), a media unit under Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, is mandated to register and keep the record of all the newspapers and publications thought out the country. During the year 2015-16, 1,10,851 newspapers/magazines were published in the country. The details of these registered publications State/UT-wise and language-wise, is placed at Annexure.

(b) & (c) In case objectionable content is published by newspapers/magazines the Press Council of India (PCI), a body under this Ministry having the statutory power under the Press Council Act, 1978, takes action on the erring newspapers/magazines after receiving complaints from the individual/authority etc., as per the inquiry procedure laid down in Section 14 of above Act. The concerned newspapers/magazines are censured / admonished and warned, as the case may be.

PCI has also framed guidelines compiled in the form of book "Norms of Journalistic Conduct Edition, 2010" for the adherence by the print media.

(d) Press Council of India has already been set up for the purpose as a quasi-judicial statutory organization under an Act of Parliament to preserve the freedom of the press and to maintain and improve the standards of newspapers and news agencies in India. As the watch dog of the print media, it has always laid special emphasis on media responsibility to refrain from publishing anything objectionable/derogatory content.

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**ANNEXURE AS REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE LOK SABHA  
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**TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLICATIONS REGISTERED WITH RNI  
(State / UT's & Language wise)**

STATE/UT'S	ASSAMESE	BENGALI	BILINGUAL	BODO	DOGRI	ENGLISH	GUJARATI	HINDI
ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS	0	7	8	0	0	46	0	15
ANDHRA PRADESH	2	7	394	0	0	897	5	86
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	0	0	0	0	0	18	0	1
ASSAM	332	131	33	4	0	119	0	30
BIHAR	1	7	48	0	0	99	0	1469
CHANDIGARH	0	0	54	0	0	276	0	135
CHATTISGARH	0	3	51	0	0	39	0	1325
DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	0	0	3	0	0	6	6	17
DAMAN & DIU	0	0	0	0	0	3	8	6
DELHI	9	38	1566	0	0	4115	18	5431
GOA	0	0	17	0	0	56	1	3
GUJARAT	0	1	195	0	0	284	4693	240
HARYANA	0	0	185	0	0	160	0	1373
HIMACHAL PRADESH	0	0	41	0	0	48	0	224
JHARKHAND	0	5	31	0	0	49	0	316
JAMMU KASHMIR	0	0	90	0	1	438	0	106
KARNATAKA	0	0	336	0	0	789	2	79
KERALA	0	2	334	0	0	395	1	14
LAKSHDWEEP	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
MADHYA PRADESH	0	0	399	0	0	253	4	8765
MAHARASHTRA	3	14	1137	0	1	2521	355	2036
MANIPUR	0	0	49	0	0	25	0	2
MEGHALAYA	0	2	13	0	0	29	0	4
MIIZORAM	0	0	10	0	0	5	0	0
NAGALAND	0	0	1	0	0	18	0	0
ORISSA	1	1	146	1	0	201	1	41
PONDICHERRY	0	1	20	0	0	21	2	1
PUNJAB	0	0	161	0	0	174	0	412
RAJASTHAN	0	1	415	0	0	187	1	5511
SIKKIM	0	0	2	0	0	21	0	5
TAMIL NADU	2	3	756	0	0	996	4	62
TELANGNA	0	0	22	0	0	47	0	11
TRIPURA	0	118	9	0	0	16	0	1
UTTAR PRADESH	0	11	776	0	0	823	3	13583
UTTARAKHAND	1	1	161	0	0	138	2	2898
WEST BENGAL	2	3585	270	0	0	771	10	355
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>3938</b>	<b>7734</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>14083</b>	<b>5116</b>	<b>44557</b>

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STATE/U.T's	KANNADA	KASHMIRI	KONKANI	MAITHILI	MALAYALAM	MANIPURI	MARATHI	MULTI-LINGUAL	NEPALI
ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
ANDHRA PRADESH	11	0	0	0	6	0	9	59	0
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0
ASSAM	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	10	3
BIHAR	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	12	0
CHANDIGARH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	0
CHATTISGARH	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	1	0
DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DAMAN & DIU	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
DELHI	11	0	0	5	29	0	15	137	12
GOA	4	0	3	0	0	0	34	6	0
GUJARAT	0	0	1	0	4	0	24	94	1
HARYANA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	1
HIMACHAL PRADESH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
JHARKHAND	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	1
JAMMU KASHMIR	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	11	0
KARNATAKA	4789	0	15	0	18	0	30	49	0
KERALA	12	0	2	0	2381	0	2	45	0
LAKSHDWEEP	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0
MADHYA PRADESH	0	0	0	0	2	0	10	38	2
MAHARASHTRA	35	0	5	2	42	0	8242	349	11
MANIPUR	0	0	0	0	0	47	0	16	0
MEGHALAYA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
MIZORAM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0
NAGALAND	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ORISSA	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	31	2
PONDICHERRY	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	4	0
PUNJAB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	105	0
RAJASTHAN	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	33	0
SIKKIM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	83
TAMIL NADU	19	0	0	0	42	0	4	67	1
TELENGANA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0
TRIPURA	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0
UTTAR PRADESH	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	31	0
UTTARAKHAND	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	9	5
WEST BENGAL	1	0	0	2	3	0	0	62	47
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4885</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2540</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>8382</b>	<b>1241</b>	<b>169</b>

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STATE/U.T's	ODIA	PUNJABI	SANTHALI	SANSKRIT	SINDHI	TAMIL	TELUGU	URDU	OTHERS	TOTAL
ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS	0	0	0	0	0	13	2	1	0	94
ANDHRA PRADESH	6	2	1	0	2	11	4301	704	3	6506
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	27
ASSAM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	34	712
BIHAR	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	242	24	1912
CHANDIGARH	0	76	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	563
CHHATTISGARH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	5	1440
DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32
DAMAN & DIU	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	19
DELHI	18	187	0	11	6	18	18	797	41	12482
GOA	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	15	140
GUJARAT	3	0	0	5	25	1	2	14	0	5587
HARYANA	0	20	0	2	0	0	0	21	1	1783
HIMACHAL PRADESH	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	6	2	329
JHARKHAND	2	0	3	1	0	0	0	41	8	466
JAMMU KASHMIR	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	393	7	1055
KARNATAKA	0	0	0	2	1	48	15	183	18	6374
KERALA	1	0	0	2	0	21	2	0	12	3226
LAKSHDWEEP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
MADHYA PRADESH	0	0	0	8	9	0	0	78	2	9570
MAHARASHTRA	4	12	0	8	52	43	15	366	7	15260
MANIPUR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	179
MEGHALAYA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	44	94
MIIZORAM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	161	183
NAGALAND	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	23
ORISSA	1475	2	5	8	1	1	2	7	64	1995
PONDICHERRY	3	0	0	1	0	100	1	0	3	160
PUNJAB	0	924	0	1	0	0	0	106	0	1883
RAJASTHAN	0	5	0	4	22	0	0	29	25	6238
SIKKIM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	114
TAMIL NADU	2	3	0	2	0	4065	87	20	1	6148
TELENGANA	0	0	0	0	0	1	319	80	13	491
TRIPURA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	151
UTTAR PRADESH	1	7	0	25	6	0	1	1687	28	16984
UTTARAKHAND	1	9	0	3	0	1	0	88	13	3333
WEST BENGAL	18	8	3	8	0	2	2	117	25	5291
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1534</b>	<b>1263</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>4325</b>	<b>4768</b>	<b>5006</b>	<b>606</b>	<b>110851</b>