

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1007  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2017)**

**REGISTRATION OF NEWSPAPERS/TV CHANNELS/FM RADIO STATIONS  
1007. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA:**

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

(a) the number of newspapers, TV channels and FM radio stations which have been registered in the country; and

(b) the total number of readership and viewership of these media, Media-wise?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) As on 31.3.2017, the number of newspapers/periodicals, TV channels and FM radio stations registered in the country are as under:

<u>Media</u>	<u>Number</u>
(a) Newspapers (daily/Tri/Bi-Weekly)	16,993
(b) Periodicals (Other periodicities)	97,824
Total	1,14,820
TV channels	888
FM Radio Stations (as on date)	322

(b) As per available records, the total claimed circulation of newspapers/periodicals during 2016-17 is 48,80,89,490 per publishing day.

However, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting does not maintain viewership and listenership data in respect of TV Channels and FM Radio Stations.

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