

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2879
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.01.2018)**

CLOSURE OF NEWS CHANNELS

2879. SHRI INNOCENT

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that various news channels have closed down recently owing to different reasons thereby rendering hundreds of media personnel unemployed;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has any policy to utilize the talent and workmanship of unemployed media personnel by re-employing them;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether closing down of news channels and rendering people jobless is likely to happen in future as well; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a): No such trend has been noticed.
- (b) & (c): Question does not arise.
- (d) & (e): In view of the above trend it is unlikely that many news channels are likely to close down in near future.
