

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2940
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.01.2018**

REGISTERED JOURNALISTS

2940. SHRI ANTO ANTONY

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has nay date regarding the number of registered journalists in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of number of registered journalists, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government is providing any financial assistance or implementing any schemes for generating employment for journalists in the private sector; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (b) :Ministry of I&B does not register journalists. However, Press Information Bureau, an attached office under this Ministry accredits the journalists who reside at Delhi or its periphery, as per the guidelines available on PIB website at the following link:

[http://164.100.117.97/WriteReadData/CMS/accreditationguidelines\(1\).pdf](http://164.100.117.97/WriteReadData/CMS/accreditationguidelines(1).pdf)

List of such 2557 accredited journalists may be seen at PIB website at the following link:

<http://pibaccreditation.nic.in/acrindexall.aspx>).

(c) and (d): This Ministry administers Journalist Welfare Scheme (JWS) that provides one time ex-gratia relief on urgent basis to journalists or his/her family (in case of demise of journalist). Under this scheme upto Rs.5 lakh may be provided to the family under extreme hardship on account of death or permanent disability of the journalist. Upto Rs.3 lakh may be provided towards the cost of treatment of major ailments and upto Rs.2 lakh may be provided in case of accidents causing serious injuries necessitating hospitalization. Details of the scheme may be seen at [<http://www.pib.gov.in/AllMediafacilitation.aspx?MenuId=16>] .

The amount disbursed to journalists or their families under this scheme from 2013-14 to 2016-17 may be seen at [Annexure](#).

ANNEXURE AS REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (c) AND (d) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2940 FOR ANSWER ON 04-01-2018.

LIST OF JOURNALISTS GRANTED ASSISTANCE UNDER JOURNALISTS WELFARE FUND/SCHEME

S. No.	Name of applicant /journalist	Print/ Electronic Media	State/UT	Date of sanction	Amount
2013-14					
1.	Smt. Richa Jaitly W/o Late Shri Aditiya Jaitly, Photo Journalist, Times of India (Death Case)	Print	Punjab	25.09.2013	Rs.5,00,000
2.	Shri Mohd. Yasir, News Photo Journalist, Daily Andalib, Urdu Daily. (Accident Case)	Print	Delhi	25.09.2013	Rs.1,00,000
3.	Smt. Usha Pandey W/o Late Shri Durga Prasad Pandey, Correspondent, Mahamedha Prakashan Ltd. (Death Case)	Print	Delhi	03.02.2014	Rs. 5,00,000
	Total				Rs.11,00,000
2014-15					
1.	Shri T.S.V. Hari, Freelance Journalist (Serious Disease),	Print	Tamil Nadu	26.02.2015	Rs.87,814/-
2.	Shri Rahul Kashyap, Stringer, Kanpur Samvad (Accident Case)	Print	UP	26.02.2015	Rs.48,291/-
3.	Shri Atul Kumar, Journalist, 'Faroqui Tanzeem' (Serious Disease)	Print	Bihar	26.02.2015	Rs.1,25,775/-
4.	Smt. Sudha Gupta, w/o late Shri Neeraj Kumar Gupta, Dainik 'Sagar Swar' (Death Case)	Print	MP	26.02.2015	Rs. 5,00,000
5.	Shri M. Aslam Qureshi, Editor, 'The Times Newsday'. (Serious Disease)	Print	Delhi	26.02.2015	Rs.1,74,225/-
6.	Shri Suresh Atmaram Karale, Journalist, Daily Gavkari, (Serious Disease)	Print	Mah	24.03.2015	Rs.2,09,006/-
7.	Shri Jayanta Kumar Das, Journalist, 'Prime News' TV Channel and 'Amar Asom' Newspaper (Accident Case)	Electronic and Print	Assam	24.03.2015	Rs.39,725/-
8.	Smt. Golap Ghadei, w/o late Shri Vijay Kumar G., Photographer, 'The Pioneer' (Death Case)	Print	Delhi	24.03.2015	Rs. 5,00,000
9.	Smt. Kulvinder Kaur, w/o late Shri Jasdeep Singh Malhotra, Principal Correspondent, 'Hindustan Times' (Death case)	Print	Punjab	24.03.2015	Rs. 5,00,000
10.	Shri Sudhakar Bijapurkar, Correspondent, 'Shivner' (Accident Case)	Print	Mah	24.03.2015	Rs.20,084/-
11.	Shri Anoop Kumar Bhatnagar, Editor, 'Nai Dunia' (Serious Disease)	Print	Delhi	26.02.2015	Rs.41,352/-
	Total				Rs.22,46,272

S. No.	Name of applicant /journalist	Print/ Electronic Media	State/UT	Date of sanction	Amount
2015-16					
1.	Shri Gopal Sharma, Journalist, The Statesman (Serious Disease)	Print	Delhi	29.05.2015	Rs.3,00,000/-
2.	Smt. Rajni, w/o late Shri Kamal Kumar, Senior Cameraman, Zee Media Corporation Limited (Death Case)	Electronic	Delhi	27.11.2015	Rs.5,00,000/-
3.	Shri Alaya Kumar Mohanty, Correspondent, Amrit Sandesh (Serious Disease)	Print	Odisha	27.11.2015	Rs.1,50,000/-
4.	Shri Hiren Mukherjee, Editor, Bardhaman Review, Kolkata (Serious Disease)	Print	WB	27.11.2015	Rs.2,75,000/-
5.	Shri Deepu K.S., Cameraman, Jeevan TV, Kerala (Serious Disease)	Electronic	Kerala	27.11.2015	Rs.2,75,000/-
6.	Smt. Latabai Khandalkar w/o Lt. Shrimant Sopan Khandalkar, Dainik Lokmat (Death Case)	Print	Mah	30.03.2016	Rs. 5,00,000/-
7.	Shri Prakash Bhargava, Freelance Journalist, (Serious Disease)	Print/ Electronic	Delhi	30.03.2016	Rs.3,00,000/-
8.	Smt. Pushpa Singh mother of Late Shri Akshay Singh, Journalist, Aaj Tak/India TV Today (Death Case)	Electronic	Delhi	30.03.2016	Rs.5,00,000/-
	Total				Rs.28,00,000

2016-17

S. No.	Name of applicant /journalist	Print/ Electronic Media	State/UT	Date of sanction	Amount
1.	Smt. Reena Hasman Bhatt w/o late Shri H.K.Bhatt, Correspondent, Shri Nutan Saurashtra (Death Case)	Print	Odisha	15.11.2016	Rs.5,00,000/-
2.	Smt Manju Kalshan w/o Late Shri Gyanendra Kalshan, Photographer, UNI (Death Case)	Print	Delhi	15.11.2016	Rs.5,00,000/-
3.	Shri Khagendramani Pradhan, Freelance Journalist, (Serious Disease)	Print	Sikkim	15.11.2016	Rs.3,00,000/-
4.	Smt. C.Hmingliani W/o Shri Robert Lalchhuana, Editor, Romei Mizo Daily Newspaper, (Death Case)	Print	Mizoram	15.11.2016	Rs.5,00,000/-
5.	Shri Virendra Singh, Sr. Video Journalist, (Serious Ailment)	Print	Delhi	01.03.2017	Rs. 3,00,000/-
6.	Shri Anoop Kumar Bhatnagar, Free Lance Journalist, (Serious Ailment)	Print	Delhi	01.03.2017	Rs. 2,58,648/-
7.	Shri Ratan Hazarika, Staff Reporter, Amor Asom, (Serious Ailment)	Print	Assom	01.03.2017	Rs. 2,29,153/-
	Total				25,88,153