

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2074
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.03.2018

PERFORMANCE OF REGIONAL NEWSPAPERS

2074. SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI PAATLE:

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

- (a) whether the Indian print media including regional newspapers has registered better performance in recent years;
- (b) if so, the number-wise details of the newspapers published in various States including Chhattisgarh State;
- (c) whether the cases of alleged corruption have come to light through certain regional newspapers; and
- (d) if so, the details of such cases during each of the last three years and the current year along with the action taken thereon in various States including Chhattisgarh during the said period?

ANSWER

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

(a) As per the records of the Registrar of Newspapers for India (RNI), the number of registered publications as on 31st March during the last three years, is as under:

Year	No of Registered Publications	Percentage (%) increase over last year
2015	1,05,448	5.80
2016	1,10,851	4.87
2017	1,14,820	3.58

The growth of the Indian Print Media in the recent years, therefore, has been consistent.

(b) As on 31.3.2017, the State-wise number of registered publications, including Chhattisgarh State, is given at Annexure.

(c) & (d) No record of cases of alleged corruption brought to light by newspapers in the country, is maintained by the Government. Cognizance/action in such cases, is taken directly by the concerned enforcement/regulatory agencies.

**ANNEXURE AS REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) of LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2074 ON 8.3.2018****THE STATE-WISE NUMBER OF REGISTERED PUBLICATIONS, INCLUDING
CHHATTISGARH STATE, AS ON 31.3.2017**

S. NO.	STATE NAME	NO. OF REGISTERED PUBLICATIONS
1.	ANDMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS	99
2.	ANDHRA PRADESH	6683
3.	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	29
4.	ASSAM	727
5.	BIHAR	1951
6.	CHANDIGARH	571
7.	CHHATTISGARH	1498
8.	DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	32
9.	DAMAN & DIU	19
10.	DELHI	12721
11.	GOA	146
12.	GUJARAT	5811
13.	HARYANA	1843
14.	HIMACHAL PRADESH	339
15.	JAMMU & KASHMIR	1075
16.	JHARKHAND	479
17.	KARNATAKA	6596
18.	KERALA	3285
19.	LAKSHADWEEP	7
20.	MADHYA PRADESH	10502
21.	MAHARASHTRA	15673
22.	MANIPUR	182

23.	MEGHALAYA	95
24.	MIZORAM	185
25.	NAGALAND	25
26.	ODISHA	2052
27.	PUDUCHERRY	164
28.	PUNJAB	1919
29.	RAJASTHAN	6409
30.	SIKKIM	116
31.	TAMIL NADU	6332
32.	TELANGANA	595
33.	TRIPURA	157
34.	UTTAR PRADESH	17736
35.	UTTARAKHAND	3443
36.	WEST BENGAL	5324
Total		114820