

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2294
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.03.2018**

SUSPENSION OF NEWSPAPERS FROM RECEIVING ADVERTISEMENTS

2294. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

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

(a) Whether the Directorate of Audio Visual Publicity (DAVP) has suspended 51 newspapers from getting any Government advertisement for two months;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the majority of these newspapers had been suspended after the Press Council of India found them to have indulged in either paid news or breaching the norms of journalistic ethics; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) Yes, Madam. After censure by Press Council of India (PCI) for indulging in paid news or for violation of various Norms of Journalistic Conduct, Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity (DAVP) has suspended the empanelment of 51 newspapers on 13.9.2017, disqualifying them from getting any Government advertisements for two months, i.e. for the period 13.9.2017 to 12.11.2017 under clause 25 (d) of the Print Media Advertisement Policy of Government of India – 2016.

The details of the nature of breach/violation for which these newspapers have been censured by PCI are given in Annexure.

**ANNEXURE AS REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) of LOK
SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2294 on 8.3.2018****THE LIST OF NEWSPAPERS CENSURED BY PCI FOR BREACH OF THE
NORMS OF JOURNALISTIC CONDUCT**

S. No	Code No.	News Paper Name	Place	Reason for censure by PCI
1	122412	Maru Lahar	Barmer	Paid news
2	-	Paschimi Sandesh	Muzaffarnagar	Paid news
3	131322	Jan Madhyam	Lucknow	Paid news
4	-	Sachchai Abhi Tak	Muzaffarnagar	Paid news
5	130236	Awam-e-Hind	Delhi	Paid news
6	-	Total Haryana News	Sirsa	Irresponsible & an act of malafide reporting
7	-	Bharat Sameep	Delhi	Paid news
8	130145	B P N Times	Gwalior	Paid news
9	128345	Meri Dilli (D)	Delhi	Paid news
10	123060	Meri Dilli (W)	Delhi	Paid news
11	120113	Desh Ki Dharti	Kota	Paid news
12	129936	Yash Bharat	Katni	Paid news
13	128348	Raj Express	Bhopal	Paid news
14	131395	Dainik Pushp Savera	Agra	Paid news
15	122147	Raigarh Sandesh	Raigarh	Paid news
16	120854	Veer Arjun	Delhi	Paid news
17	-	Jag Utthan	Delhi	Paid news
18	123094	Prabhat Kiran	Indore	Published false news
19	127520	Hari Bhoomi	Raipur	Paid news
20	-	Maharashtra Shakti Shali	Ulhasnagar	Breach the norms of journalistic ethics

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21	129726	Aaj Samaj	Delhi	Cast severe insinuation against the complainant and no justification for publication of impugned news item.
22	122856	Dainik Jagran	Delhi	Cast severe insinuation against the complainant and no justification for publication of impugned news item.
23	-	Balwas Times	Indore	Paid news
24	128923	Raj Express	Indore	Paid news
25	130330	Dainik Raj Express	Ujjain	Inaccurate & disrespectful news reports.
26	120129	Jan Nayak	Kota	Paid news
27	120120	Seema Sandesh	(Rajasthan) Sriganganagar	Paid news
28	-	Seema sandesh	(Rajasthan) Jaipur	Paid news
29	-	Rashtra Ka Vachan	Rajasthan	Paid news
30	-	Morning News	Jaipur	Paid news
31	-	Railvarta	Jhansi	Published false & concocted impugned news items
32	127445	Ashoka Express	Delhi	Breach the norms of journalistic ethics in publishing obscene photograph
33	-	People Observer	Satna	Breach the norms of journalistic ethics in publishing baseless and maligning news items
34	130692	Prakash Kunj	Sikar	Paid news

35	-	Bureau Times	Delhi	Serious misconduct in demanding money of publishing advertisement without authorisation.
36	127065	Shree India	Banda	Paid news
37	132128	Bundelkhend Live	Banda	Paid news
38	400054	Dinakaran	Madurai	Paid news
39	320180	Odisha Bhaskar	Bhubaneswar	Paid news
40	-	Tamil Murasu	Madurai	Paid news
41	-	Pravesh Samvad	Sagar	Paid news
42	-	Chambal Surkhi	Morena	Paid news
43	122042	Chingari	Bijnore	Paid news
44	-	Dainik kota bureau	Jhalwar	Paid news
45	-	City times	Lucknow	Paid news
46	-	Semriya Express	Satna	Insinuated the character of the complainant
47	-	Tarun Mitra	Lucknow	Paid news
48	-	Metro byte	Jaipur	Paid news
49	-	Sughav Vani	Panipat	News items false & intended to blackmail
50	100809	The Times of India	Bhubaneswar	Aggrieved by a news item & newspaper not admitting the mistakes
51	200541	Maharashtra Times	Pune	Using title registered in the name of other/person

