

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 857  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.02.2021)**

**NEWS CHANNELS IN INDIA**

**857. SHRI NABA KUMAR SARANIA**

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

- a) The total number of registered news channels, state/UT-wise and category-wise;**
- b) The details of the number of regional news channels in the country, State/UT-wise;**
- c) The number of newly registered news channels during the last five years, State/UT-wise including their names;**
- d) The details of news channels being operated in the country and are owned by foreign nationals; and**
- e) The total number and names of foreign channels in the country offering their services along with the details of the nationality of their owners?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE;  
MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING; AND MINISTRY OF  
HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES  
{SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR}**

**(a) and (b) The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting grants permission for uplinking and downlinking of private satellite TV channels under the extant Policy Guidelines for Uplinking and Downlinking of Television Channels. There are 388 News and Current Affairs TV Channels, details of which are available on the Broadcast Seva portal of the Ministry at the link <http://broadcastseva.gov.in/webpage-User-tvchannels>.**

**(c) Since 1.1.2016, 51 News and Current Affairs TV channels were granted permission by this Ministry.**

**(d) to (e) The Ministry has given permission to Indian entities for downlinking in India 13 foreign News and Current Affairs channels details of which are available on the Broadcast Seva portal of the Ministry.**