

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

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 860  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.02.2021**

**RELIEF FOR PRINT MEDIA**

**860. SHRI MANNE SRINIVAS REDDY:**

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

- (a) whether the Indian Newspaper Society and other related agencies have sought relief from the Government in view of the Newspapers forcing on cost cutting measures and resulting in not sending newspapers to rural areas; and**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon ?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) & (b): This Ministry had received representations from The Indian Newspaper Society (INS) for withdrawal of 10% Basic Custom Duty (BCD) on newsprint, which was forwarded to Ministry of Finance for consideration. The Government has reduced the Basic Custom Duty on newsprint from 10% to 5%.**

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