

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.863  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.02.2021**

**GROWTH IN PRINT MEDIA**

**863. SHRI DEVUSINH JESINGHBHAI CHAUHAN:**

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

- (a) whether Indian print media including regional newspapers have shown healthy growth in recent years;**
- (b) if so, the details of the number of newspapers published, State-wise including in Gujarat;**
- (c) whether cases of alleged malpractices by certain regional newspapers have been reported; and**
- (d) if so, the details of such cases reported and action taken thereon, State-wise including Gujarat during each of the last three years and the current year?**

**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) and (b): As per the register of publications maintained by the Registrar of Newspapers for India (RNI), the total number of registered publications has consistently increased over the years.**

**The State/UT-wise details of total number of registered publications, including newspapers, as on 31.03.2020 is given at Annexure.**

**(c) and (d): Complaints regarding violation of the provisions of the Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867 and the Press Council Act, 1978, as and when noticed, are handled as per provisions of the Statutes.**

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**ANNEXURE**

**ANNEXURE AS REFERRED TO IN PART (A) AND (B) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED Q.NO.863 TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.02.2021 RAISED BY SHRI DEVUSINH JESINGHBHAI CHAUHAN REGARDING 'GROWTH IN PRINT MEDIA'**

**STATE/UT-WISE DETAILS OF TOTAL NUMBER OF REGISTERED PUBLICATIONS AS ON 31.03.2020**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>State/ UT</b>	<b>Total No. of Registered publications as on 31.03.2020</b>
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	112
2	Andhra Pradesh	5770
3	Arunachal Pradesh	32
4	Assam	876
5	Bihar	2177
6	Chandigarh	645
7	Chhattisgarh	1714
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	54
9	Delhi	16297
10	Goa	183
11	Gujarat	7243
12	Haryana	2529
13	Himachal Pradesh	441
14	Jammu & Kashmir	1209
15	Jharkhand	610
16	Karnataka	7749
17	Kerala	4550
18	Ladakh	7
19	Lakshadweep	7

<b>20</b>	<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>	<b>12885</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>Maharashtra</b>	<b>19631</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>Manipur</b>	<b>254</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>Meghalaya</b>	<b>119</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>Mizoram</b>	<b>206</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>Nagaland</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>Odisha</b>	<b>2626</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>Puducherry</b>	<b>211</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>Punjab</b>	<b>3107</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>Rajasthan</b>	<b>7679</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>Sikkim</b>	<b>120</b>
<b>31</b>	<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	<b>8704</b>
<b>32</b>	<b>Telangana</b>	<b>3376</b>
<b>33</b>	<b>Tripura</b>	<b>169</b>
<b>34</b>	<b>Uttarakhand</b>	<b>3578</b>
<b>35</b>	<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	<b>21022</b>
<b>36</b>	<b>West Bengal</b>	<b>7502</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>143423</b>