

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3701
ANSWERED ON:21.08.2003
ADVERTISEMENTS TO NEWSPAPERS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of advertisements and the value thereof given in the dailies, weeklies, fortnightlies and monthlies published in the country during 2002-03 and till date, State-wise;
- (b) the month-wise number of advertisements given to each newspaper during the year 2002-03 and till date;
- (c) the number of big, medium and small newspapers out of these respectively;
- (d) the criteria adopted, the norms and the rules laid for giving advertisements in the newspapers;
- (e) whether the Government have received complaints of corruption indulged in and irregularities committed in giving advertisements from January 1, 2002 till date;
- (f) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken against the persons found guilty; and
- (g) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to check the irregularities being committed in giving advertisement?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

- (a) to (g) : The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.