

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

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

- (a) the number of small and big newspaper and weeklies being published in the country as per the position in December 2002;
- (b) the number of newspapers out of them included in the list meant for giving advertisements to them;
- (c) the newspapers whose applications for inclusion in the advertisement list were pending as on December 2002;
- (d) whether advertisements from other departments are also given to the newspapers separately besides departmental advertisements; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) As on 31st December 2001, there were 51,960 newspapers of all periodicities registered with the Registrar of Newspapers for India (RNI), out of which 18,582 were weeklies. As per annual statements received by RNI from newspapers for 2001, 275 newspapers were categorised as big and 3557 as small newspapers on the basis of their claimed circulation.  
proj cost (b) As on December 2002, the number of small, medium and big newspapers empanelled with DAVP was as under:

Small Newspapers	-	623
Medium Newspapers	-	430
Big Newspapers	-	127

- (c) Most of the applications for empanelment and rate renewal had been considered and decided upon by December 2002.  
(d) & (e) : DAVP issues advertisements out of funds placed with it by M/o I&B as also other Ministries/Departments.