

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1474  
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TITLES OF NEWSPAPERS  
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a large number of registered newspapers/periodicals are not being published, blocking the titles;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a), (b) & (c) : As on 31.3.2003, there are 55,780 newspapers/periodicals registered with Registrar of Newspapers for India (RNI). Unregistered titles are de-blocked after two years from the date of its title verification. About 2.03 lakh titles verified upto 2000 have been de-blocked.