

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

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

- (a) the number of newspapers and their editions which have closed down their publications during the last two years;
- (b) the reasons for the closure; and
- (c) the steps being taken to help the newspapers and to save them from closure?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING & PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. DASMUNSI)

- (a) As per the ceasing declarations received by the Registrar of Newspapers for India (RNI), four newspapers, two each from Delhi and Assam, have closed down their publications during 2004-05. During 2003-04, no newspaper was reportedly closed down.
- (b) The reasons for closure of the newspapers have not been mentioned by the publishers in their ceasing declarations received through the concerned District Magistrates by RNI.
- (c) Does not arise.