

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3312
ANSWERED ON:19.08.2004
PUBLICATION OF FOREIGN NEWSPAPERS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the foreign newspapers and other publications have been allowed to operate in the country;
- (b) whether the Government propose to relax norms for the foreign newspaper groups who want to print from India;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government is contemplating to amend the Press and Registration Act for giving legal sanctity to the Cabinet Resolution of 1955;
- (e) whether the Government has also decided to come out with a law to strengthen guidelines for FDI in Print Media;and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

- (a): The requisite details are given in the Annexure.
- (b) & (c): No, Sir.
- (d) to (f): The Government is contemplating legislation in the matter.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN PART (a) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3312 FOR REPLY ON 19th AUGUST 2004

LIST OF CASES APPROVED BY THIS MINISTRY

I Indian edition of foreign scientific/technical/speciality magazines/journals/ periodicals

S.N. NAME OF THE APPLICANT COMPANY NAME OF MAGAZINE DATE OF APPROVAL LETTER

1. M/s. Living Media India Limited Golf Digest 22nd January 2003
2. M/s. Living Media India Limited Scientific American 3rd February 2003
3. M/s. Living Media India Limited Cosmopolitan 4th July 2003
4. M/s. Living Media India Limited Readers` Digest 15th September 2003
5. M/s. Exposure Media Marketing Private Limited Par Golf 15th October 2003
6. M/s. Prism Books Private Limited The Journal of Antimicrobial Chemotherapy 19th February 2004

7. M/s. Prism Books Private Limited Human Reproduction 19th February 2004
8. M/s. Prism Books Private Limited Journal of Dermatological Treatment 19th February 2004
9. M/s. Exposure Media Marketing ASIASPA Private Limited 19th February 2004
10. M/s. Living Media India Limited Good Housekeeping 16th April 2004
11. M/s. Prism Books Private Limited Blood Pressure 16th July 2004
12. M/s. Prism Books Private Limited Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology 20th July 2004
13. M/s. Prism Books Private Limited Hematology 20th July 2004
14. M/s. Prism Books Private Limited International Journal of Psychiatry in Clinical Practice 20th July 2004
15. M/s. Prism Books Private Limited UroOncology 29th July 2004
16. M/s. Prism Books Private Limited Aids Abstracts 17th August 2004
17. M/s. Quintessence Science Quintessence International Communications Private Limited 17th August 2004

II Foreign Investment in Indian entities publishing scientific/technical/speciality magazines/journals/periodicals

S.N. NAME OF THE APPLICANT COMPANY NAME OF MAGAZINE DATE OF APPROVAL LETTER

1. M/s. Tata Infomedia Limited Better Photography 7th April 2003
2. M/s. Tata Infomedia Limited Search 3rd June 2003
3. M/s. Tata Infomedia Limited Overdrive 3rd June 2003
4. M/s. Tata Infomedia Limited Auto Monitor 3rd June 2003
5. M/s. Tata Infomedia Limited Overdrive Grandprix 3rd June 2003
6. M/s. Tata Infomedia Limited AV Max 7th May 2003
7. M/s. Tata Infomedia Limited Khana Pina 20th November 2003
8. M/s. Tata Infomedia Limited Yellow Line Office Guide 20th November 2003
9. M/s. Sorabjee Automotive Autocar India Communications Private Limited 19th February 2004
10. M/s. Tata Infomedia Limited Photo Imaging 19th February 2004
11. M/s. Sage Publications India Limited Insage 1st March 2004
12. M/s. TBW Publishing & Media Private Limited Intelligent Computing Chip 1st March 2004
13. M/s. Banyan Netfaqs Pvt Ltd. The Brand Reporter 1st March 2004

III. Foreign Direct Investment in Indian entities publishing newspapers and periodicals dealing in news and current affairs

S.N. NAME OF APPLICANT COMPANY PUBLICATION DATE OF APPROVAL LETTER

1. M/s. HT Media Limited News and Current Affairs publications. 3 December 2003
2. M/s. Business Standard Limited News and Current Affairs publications. 9th March 2004,
29th March 2004 and
5th April 2004