

III. PUBLICATIONS WHICH FILED ANNUAL STATEMENT FOR 2014-15

3.1. Under Section 19D of the PRB Act, 1867, it is mandatory for every registered publication to submit an Annual Statement to the Office of the Registrar of Newspapers for India. The Annual Statements sent by them are the principal source of data for compilation of the Annual Report of the Registrar of Newspapers for India called “PRESS IN INDIA” The RNI has taken steps to facilitate the process of filing of the annual statements by the publishers and an online system of e-filing of annual statements put in place in our website. However, it is observed that not all the publishers are submitting their Annual Statements. Non-compliance with the above provision of the Act by publishers has so far precluded this office from claiming this report to be a comprehensive data bank of the print media in India. However, in order to make this report a more meaningful document with authentic statistical information, the Annual Statements received from the publishers online for the year 2014-15 have only been taken into account in this chapter. Out of 1,05,443 registered newspapers & periodicals as many as 22,787 submitted their Annual Reports online. The chapter gives a general trend in the Print Media in the country on the basis of various parameters such as – Periodicity-wise, Language-wise, State-wise, City-wise, Small Town-wise, etc.

DAILIES

3.2.1. During the year 2014-15, as many as 7,871 daily publications submitted their Annual Statements. These were being brought out in all the languages listed in the Eighth Schedule of the Indian Constitution except Bodo. Among the dailies, Hindi retained its top position in the list with 3,698 dailies while other languages with more than 200 dailies are (i) Urdu (1,121) (ii) English (790), (iii) Telugu (720), Marathi (369) and Gujarati (350). (Table 3.1)

3.2.2. Apart from dailies, tri weekly and bi-weekly publications also play an important role in dissemination of information/news to keep the readers abreast of the latest happenings/events in and outside the country. In this category, annual statements were received from 34 publications of different Languages. (Table 3.1)

PERIODICALS

3.3. A total number of 14,882 publications of various periodicities (except dailies & tri/bi weeklies) submitted their annual statements for 2014-15. Out of these, 8,084 were weeklies; 3,912 monthlies; 2,219 fortnightlies; 309 quarterlies and 76 annuals. There are 282 periodicals i.e. bi-monthly, half-yearly etc., which are categorized as other periodicities. The weeklies and monthlies with their total number at 11,996 appeared to be more popular, accounting for nearly 80.61 per cent of the total periodicals. (Table 3.1)

LANGUAGE-WISE ANALYSIS

3.4.1. As per the circulation data available, publications were brought out in 49 languages and dialects in 2014-15. Apart from English and other principal languages, listed in the Eighth Schedule of the Indian Constitution, publications were also published in 26 other languages or dialects mostly Indian and a few foreign languages. Other languages in which publications came out were Africans, Arabic, Bhojpuri, Braille, Chhattisgarhi Sindhi Devnagri, Garo, Garhwali, German, Halbi, Hmar, Karbi, Khasi, Khortha, Kharia, Kokborok, Meeteilon, Mizo Lushai, Naga, Nagpuri, Rajasthani, Santhali, Tenyidie and Tulu.

3.4.2. Among the publications of different languages which submitted their annual statements during 2014-15, the highest number of publications were in Hindi (12,516) followed by English (2,219), Urdu (1,661), Gujarati (1,368), Telugu (1,339), Marathi (904), Oriya (350), Kannada (283), Tamil (276), Bengali (244) and Malayalam (241) etc. (Table 3.1)

3.4.3. Apart from publications brought out in one language, there were also quite a number of publications which were brought out in two or more languages in the same issue. Such publications were categorized as 'Bi-lingual' and 'Multi-lingual'. There were 987 'Bilingual' and 87 'Multilingual' in the country.

STATE-WISE ANALYSIS

3.5.1. Uttar Pradesh with 5,506 publications filing their online annual statements in 2014-15 retained its top position among the states. Madhya Pradesh with 2,494 publications came next followed by Delhi (2,465); Uttarakhand (1,847); Rajasthan (1,660); Andhra Pradesh (1,638); Maharashtra (1,538); Gujarat (1,516); Tamil Nadu (463); Odisha (436); Karnataka (431); West Bengal (357); J&K (345); Chhattisgarh (339); Kerala (298); Bihar (259) and Haryana (224). Other States from where more than 100 publications filed their online annual statements were Telengana (191); Punjab (162); Jharkhand (137) and Assam (117). (Table 3.2)

3.5.2. In the category of dailies also, Uttar Pradesh maintained its lead with 2,048 daily publications followed by Andhra Pradesh (910); Madhya Pradesh (716); Delhi (658); Maharashtra (539); Rajasthan (439); Gujarat (421); Uttarakhand (236) and Jammu & Kashmir (226). Daily newspapers were published from almost all the States and Union Territories except Lakshadweep. (Table 3.2)

3.5.3. About 80.61 per cent of the periodicals being published were either weeklies or monthlies. Out of 14,882 periodicals, about 54.32 per cent were held by weeklies only. The largest number of weeklies were being published from Uttar Pradesh

(2,565); followed by Uttarakhand (1,247); Madhya Pradesh (791); Gujarat (763); Maharashtra (641); Delhi (627) and Rajasthan (366). (Table 3.2)

3.5.4. About 26.29 per cent of the total number of periodicals being published were monthlies. The largest number of monthlies were published from Madhya Pradesh (797) followed by Delhi (709); Uttar Pradesh (502); Andhra Pradesh (399) and Maharashtra (222). Other states publishing more than 100 monthlies were Uttarakhand (163); Rajasthan (156); Tamil Nadu (150); Gujarat (143); Kerala (108) and Karnataka (101). (Table 3.2)

3.5.5. Delhi brought out publications in 16 languages followed by Maharashtra in 12 languages, Tamil Nadu in 10 languages and Karnataka in 9 languages out of 23 main languages (including English) listed in the Eighth Schedule of the Indian Constitution). (Table 3.3)

3.5.6. The distinction for bringing out the highest number of publications in a single language went to Uttar Pradesh, where 4,359 publications were brought out in Hindi. The other States with over 500 publications in Hindi were Madhya Pradesh (2,318); Uttarakhand (1,692); Rajasthan (1,506) and Delhi (1,329). (Table 3.3)

3.5.7. States with more than 100 publications in a single language were (i) Delhi (English 578) and (Urdu 241); (ii) Andhra Pradesh (Telugu 1,197) and (English 223); (iii) Gujarat (Gujarati 1,321); (iv) Maharashtra (Marathi 870), (English 281) & (Hindi 208); (v) Uttar Pradesh (Urdu 786) & English (184); (vi) West Bengal (Bengali 183); (vii) Tamil Nadu (Tamil 243) and (English 132); (viii) Odisha (Oriya 343); (ix) Kerala (Malayalam 228) (x) Karnataka (Kannada 274) (xi) Chattisgarh (Hindi 314) (xii) Haryana (Hindi 186) (xiii) Bihar (Hindi 149) (xiv) Telangana (Telugu 127). (Table 3.3)

CONCENTRATION

3.6. The Print Media tends to concentrate in certain important Cities and Towns, giving them prominence as major printing and publishing centers, which can be classified as under:

- (i) Metropolitan Cities (Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai and Chennai),
- (ii) State Capitals (other than the Metropolitan Cities),
- (iii) Union Territories,
- (iv) Big Cities, (having a population of more than 1,00,000), and
- (v) Small Towns. (having a population of less than 1,00,000)

LANGUAGE-WISE ANALYSIS

3.7. Among those publications, which submitted their annual statements online during 2014-15, Language wise analysis of publications shows that out of 12,516 Hindi publications, 4,933 were brought out from the State Capitals, 4,514 from the Big Cities and 1,430 from the Metropolitan Cities. Out of 2,219 publications in English, 924 were brought out from the four Metropolitan Cities. The other languages in which a large number of publications came out from the Metropolitan Cities were Hindi (1,430); Urdu (278); and Tamil (114). The four metropolitan cities published 299 bilingual and 18 multilingual publications. (Table 3.4)

NUMERICAL ANALYSIS

3.8.1. The total number of publications brought out from the four metropolitan cities during 2014-15 was 3,353 accounting for 14.71% of the total publications. State Capitals (excluding the Metropolitan Cities) published 7,360 publications constituting 32.30 per cent of the total. Big cities published a total of 9,310 publications constituting 40.86 per cent. Thus the big cities dominated the number of publications in India in 2014-15. A total of 2,601 publications came out from Small Towns and 163 from Union Territory. (Table 3.5)

3.8.2. Out of 7,871 dailies, a total of 896 were being published from the Metropolitan Cities and 2,364 from the State Capitals. The Big Cities in various States published 3,612 dailies and Small Towns brought out 907 daily newspapers. The Union Territories published only 92 dailies. (Table 3.5)

TABLE 3.1
PUBLICATIONS WHICH FILED ANNUAL STATEMENT FOR 2014-15
(Language & Periodicity wise)

Language	DAILY	BI/TRI-WEEKLY	WEEKLY	FORTNIGHTLY	MONTHLY	QUARTERLY	ANNUAL	OTHERS	Total
ASSAMESE	30	1	12	3	4	0	0	0	50
BENGALI	64	1	66	52	49	8	1	3	244
BILINGUAL	115	1	330	123	360	35	8	15	987
DOGRI	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
ENGLISH	790	20	444	127	564	89	34	151	2219
GUJARATI	350	2	726	155	121	2	2	10	1368
HINDI	3698	3	5307	1359	1942	126	6	75	12516
KANNADA	125	0	31	50	72	3	1	1	283
KASHMIRI	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	4
KONKANI	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	4
MAITHILI	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	4
MALAYALAM	107	0	31	13	81	3	5	1	241
MANIPURI	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
MARATHI	369	1	416	28	55	5	17	13	904
MULTILINGUAL	8	0	25	12	33	6	1	2	87
NEPALI	8	0	5	1	1	0	0	0	15
ODIA	127	1	106	47	62	6	0	1	350
OTHERS	28	0	6	5	11	3	0	0	53
PUNJABI	60	0	38	10	27	0	0	0	135
SANSKRIT	10	0	3	4	4	0	0	0	21
SANTHALI	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
SINDHI	7	0	7	1	0	0	0	1	16
TAMIL	123	3	26	31	85	5	1	2	276
TELUGU	720	0	108	114	385	7	0	5	1339
URDU	1121	1	394	82	52	9	0	2	1661
Total	7871	34	8084	2219	3912	309	76	282	22787

TABLE 3.2
PUBLICATIONS WHICH FILED ANNUAL STATEMENT FOR 2014-15
 (State / UT's & Periodicity wise)

State	DAILY	BI/TRI-WEEKLY	WEEKLY	FORTNIGHTLY	MONTHLY	QUARTERLY	ANNUAL	OTHERS	Total
ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS	10	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	11
ANDHRA PRADESH	910	0	194	130	399	12	1	2	1648
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
ASSAM	78	2	25	4	7	1	0	0	117
BIHAR	184	2	33	13	24	2	0	1	259
CHANDIGARH	33	2	29	1	6	0	0	0	71
CHHATTISGARH	166	1	72	4	90	1	1	4	339
DAMAN & DIU	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
DELHI	658	10	627	276	709	72	22	91	2465
DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	12	0	5	4	1	0	0	0	22
GOA	13	0	3	1	4	0	0	0	21
GUJARAT	421	1	763	173	143	5	0	10	1516
HARYANA	80	0	62	26	48	5	0	3	224
HIMACHAL PRADESH	24	0	39	3	2	5	2	0	75
JHARKHAND	86	1	21	6	21	1	0	1	137
JAMMU & KASHMIR	226	0	101	7	7	2	1	1	345
KARNATAKA	185	4	68	54	101	14	1	4	431
KERALA	114	1	37	15	108	9	11	3	298
MAHARASHTRA	539	4	641	57	222	14	22	39	1538
MANIPUR	13	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	14
MEGHALAYA	14	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	15
MIZORAM	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
MADHYA PRADESH	716	0	791	111	797	42	3	34	2494
NAGALAND	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	7
ODISHA	158	1	123	67	77	7	0	3	436
PUDUCHERRY	11	0	6	5	5	0	0	0	27
PUNJAB	63	0	44	14	34	1	5	1	162
RAJASTHAN	439	0	366	677	156	13	1	8	1660
SIKKIM	17	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	23
TELANGANA	99	0	18	15	54	2	0	3	191
TAMIL NADU	156	4	93	43	150	9	2	6	463
TRIPURA	18	0	21	1	1	0	0	1	42
UTTAR PRADESH	2048	0	2565	267	502	62	3	59	5506
UTTARAKHAND	236	0	1247	184	163	14	0	3	1847
WEST BENGAL	112	1	84	60	78	16	1	5	357
Total	7871	34	8084	2219	3912	309	76	282	22787

TABLE 3.3
PUBLICATIONS WHICH FILED ANNUAL STATEMENT FOR 2014-15
(State/UT's & Language wise)

STATE/UT'S	ASSAME SE	BENGA LI	BI- LINGU AL	DOG RI	ENGLI SH	GUJARA TI	HINDI	KANNA DA	KASHMI RI	KONKA NI	MAITHI LI	MALAYAL AM
ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS	0	1	1	0	5	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
ANDHRA PRADESH	0	0	31	0	223	0	24	1	0	0	0	0
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	0	0	0	0	7	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
ASSAM	50	17	3	0	25	0	9	0	0	0	0	0
BIHAR	0	1	7	0	13	0	149	0	0	0	1	0
CHANDIGARH	0	0	6	0	28	0	30	0	0	0	0	0
CHHATTISGARH	0	0	5	0	12	0	314	0	0	0	0	1
DAMAN & DIU	0	0	0	0	1	5	5	0	0	0	0	0
DELHI	0	2	227	0	578	3	1329	4	0	1	1	4
DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	0	0	1	0	4	4	13	0	0	0	0	0
GOA	0	0	0	0	12	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
GUJARAT	0	0	28	0	55	1321	81	0	0	0	0	0
HARYANA	0	0	14	0	21	0	186	0	0	0	0	0
HIMACHAL PRADESH	0	0	2	0	17	0	55	0	0	0	0	0
JHARKHAND	0	2	6	0	13	0	85	0	0	0	0	0
JAMMU & KASHMIR	0	0	30	2	167	0	31	0	4	0	0	0
KARNATAKA	0	0	24	0	82	0	4	274	0	2	0	4
KERALA	0	0	18	0	45	0	3	1	0	0	0	228
MAHARASHTRA	0	1	71	0	281	32	208	1	0	0	1	2
MANIPUR	0	0	0	0	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
MEGHALAYA	0	0	0	0	5	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
MIZORAM	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MADHYA PRADESH	0	0	80	0	47	1	2318	0	0	0	0	0
NAGALAND	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ODISHA	0	0	27	0	47	0	9	0	0	0	0	0
PUDUCHERRY	0	0	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
PUNJAB	0	0	14	0	17	0	39	0	0	0	0	0
RAJASTHAN	0	0	97	0	31	0	1506	1	0	0	0	0
SIKKIM	0	0	0	0	7	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
TELANGANA	0	0	2	0	28	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
TAMIL NADU	0	1	62	0	132	1	8	1	0	0	0	2
TRIPURA	0	35	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
UTTAR PRADESH	0	0	158	0	184	0	4359	0	0	0	0	0
UTTARAKHAND	0	1	46	0	39	1	1692	0	0	0	0	0
WEST BENGAL	0	183	17	0	76	0	43	0	0	0	1	0
Total	50	244	987	2	2219	1368	12516	283	4	4	4	241

TABLE 3.3 (contd.)
PUBLICATIONS WHICH FILED ANNUAL STATEMENT FOR 2014-15
(State/UT's & Language wise)

State/UT's	MANIPURI	MARATHI	MULTILINGUAL	NEPALI	ODIA	OTHERS	PUNJABI	SANSKRIT	SANTHALI	SINDHI	TAMIL	TELUGU	URDU	Total
ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	11
ANDHRA PRADESH	0	0	4	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	1197	163	1648
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
ASSAM	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	117
BIHAR	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	87	259
CHANDIGARH	0	0	1	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	71
CHHATTISGARH	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	339
DAMAN & DIU	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	13
DELHI	0	3	12	1	1	1	42	5	0	0	5	5	241	2465
DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22
GOA	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21
GUJARAT	0	9	8	0	1	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	5	1516
HARYANA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	224
HIMACHAL PRADESH	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75
JHARKHAND	0	0	4	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	137
JAMMU & KASHMIR	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	108	345
KARNATAKA	0	9	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	3	22	431
KERALA	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	298
MAHARASHTRA	0	870	10	0	0	3	0	0	0	2	4	1	51	1538
MANIPUR	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
MEGHALAYA	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	15
MIZORAM	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
MADHYA PRADESH	0	3	7	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	36	2494
NAGALAND	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
ODISHA	0	0	7	0	343	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	436
PUDUCHERRY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	27
PUNJAB	0	0	8	0	0	0	83	0	0	0	0	0	1	162
RAJASTHAN	0	0	4	0	0	5	0	0	0	9	0	0	7	1660
SIKKIM	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	23
TELANGANA	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	127	27	191
TAMIL NADU	0	1	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	243	5	2	463
TRIPURA	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42
UTTAR PRADESH	0	1	5	1	0	6	3	3	0	0	0	0	786	5506
UTTARAKHAND	0	0	1	1	0	8	0	2	0	0	0	0	56	1847
WEST BENGAL	0	0	3	2	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	28	357
Total	6	904	87	15	350	53	135	21	2	16	276	1339	1661	22787

TABLE 3.4
GEOGRAPHICAL CONCENTRATION OF PUBLICATIONS WHICH FILED ANNUAL STATEMENT
FOR 2014-15
(Language & Place-wise)

Language	BIG CITY	METROPOLITAN CITY	STATE CAPITAL	SMALLER TOWNS	UNION TERRITORY	Total
ASSAMESE	26	0	13	11	0	50
BENGALI	117	68	28	31	0	244
BILINGUAL	364	299	278	32	14	987
DOGRI	1	0	1	0	0	2
ENGLISH	604	924	560	64	67	2219
GUJARATI	894	38	182	247	7	1368
HINDI	4514	1430	4933	1593	46	12516
KANNADA	180	10	68	25	0	283
KASHMIRI	1	0	3	0	0	4
KONKANI	3	1	0	0	0	4
MAITHILI	3	1	0	0	0	4
MALAYALAM	135	7	38	61	0	241
MANIPURI	3	0	3	0	0	6
MARATHI	613	94	37	158	2	904
MULTILINGUAL	39	18	23	5	2	87
NEPALI	6	1	8	0	0	15
ODIA	184	2	106	58	0	350
OTHERS	26	3	20	4	0	53
PUNJABI	50	41	0	38	6	135
SANSKRIT	11	5	4	0	1	21
SANTHALI	2	0	0	0	0	2
SINDHI	5	1	3	7	0	16
TAMIL	91	114	27	36	8	276
TELUGU	980	18	265	76	0	1339
URDU	458	278	760	155	10	1661
Total	9310	3353	7360	2601	163	22787

TABLE 3.5
GEOGRAPHICAL CONCENTRATION OF PUBLICATIONS WHICH FILED ANNUAL STATEMENT
FOR 2014-15
(Periodicity & Place wise)

Center	DAILY	BI/TRI-WEEKLY	WEEKLY	FORTNIGHTLY	MONTHLY	QUARTERLY	ANNUAL	OTHERS	Total
BIG CITY	3612	8	3120	903	1449	92	28	98	9310
METROPOLITAN CITY	896	17	854	357	983	96	33	117	3353
STATE CAPITAL	2364	5	2847	684	1302	94	7	57	7360
SMALLER TOWNS	907	3	1215	267	167	25	8	9	2601
UNION TERRITORY	92	1	48	8	11	2	0	1	163
Total	7871	34	8084	2219	3912	309	76	282	22787