

CHAPTER – 3

PUBLICATIONS WHICH FILED ANNUAL STATEMENT FOR 2019-2020

3.1. Under Section 19(D) 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 are the principal source of data for compilation of the Annual Report of the Registrar of Newspapers for India called “*Press in India*”. RNI has taken steps to facilitate the process of filing of the Annual Statements by publishers and an online system of e-filing of Annual Statements has been put in place on 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 online from the publishers for the year 2019-2020 have only been taken into account in this chapter. Out of 1,43,423 registered newspapers & periodicals as many as 32,883 submitted their Annual Statements including 203 publications of Miscellaneous classification. The chapter depicts a general trend in Print Media in the country on the basis of various parameters such as – Periodicity, Language, State, City, Small Town, etc.

DAILIES

3.2. During the year 2019-2020, as many as 9,840 daily publications submitted their Annual Statements. These were being brought out in all the languages listed in the Eighth Schedule of the Indian Constitution. Among the dailies, Hindi retained its top position in the list with 4,322 Dailies while other languages with more than 200 Dailies are: (i) Telugu (1,133); (ii) Urdu (1,132); (iii) English (841); (iv) Marathi (612); (v) Kannada (549); and (vi) Gujarati (408). (*Table 3.1*)

PERIODICALS

3.3. A total number of 22,840 publications of various periodicities (except Dailies) submitted their Annual Statements for 2019-2020. Out of these, 11,231 were Weeklies; 7,398 Monthlies; 3,016 Fortnightlies; 651 Quarterlies and 114 Annuals. There are 430 periodicals, i.e. Bi-Monthly, Half-Yearly etc., which are categorised as other periodicities. Weeklies and Monthlies with their total number at 18,629 appeared to be more popular, accounting for nearly 57 percent of the total periodicals. (*Table 3.1*)

LANGUAGE-WISE ANALYSIS

3.4.1. As per the circulation data available, publications were brought out in 45 languages and dialects in 2019-2020. Apart from English and other principal languages, listed in the Eighth Schedule of the Indian Constitution, publications were also published in 22 other languages or dialects, mostly Indian and a few foreign languages. Other languages in which publications

published were: Ao Naga, Arabic, Bhojpuri, Chhattisgarhi, Sindhi Devnagri, Garo, Garhwali, Halbi, 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 2019-2020, the highest number of publications were in Hindi (16,111) followed by Marathi (2,573); English (2,504); Telugu (2,375); Gujarati (1,926); Urdu (1,727); Kannada (1,118); Tamil (857); Bengali (545); Odia (435); Malayalam (345) 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 categorised as 'Bi-lingual' and 'Multi-lingual'. There were 1,557 'Bilingual' and 227 'Multilingual' publications in the country.

STATE-WISE ANALYSIS

3.5.1. Uttar Pradesh, with 5,851 publications filing their online Annual Statements in 2019-2020, retained its top position among the States. Madhya Pradesh with (5,217) publications came next; followed by Maharashtra (3,951); Delhi (2,231); Gujarat (2,150); Andhra Pradesh (2,085); Uttarakhand (1,863); Rajasthan (1,684); Karnataka (1,326) and Tamil Nadu (1,136). Other States/UTs from where more than 300 publications filed their online Annual Statements were Telangana (911); West Bengal (681); Odisha (525); Chhattisgarh (517); Kerala (448); J & K (378); Haryana (356) and Punjab (315). (*Table 3.2*)

3.5.2. In the category of dailies also, Uttar Pradesh maintained its lead with 2,140 Daily publications followed by Madhya Pradesh (1,230); Andhra Pradesh (998); Maharashtra (862); Karnataka (618); Delhi (576); Gujarat (508); Telangana (454); and Rajasthan (417). Daily newspapers were published from all the States and Union Territories. (*Table 3.2*)

3.5.3. About 57 percent of the periodicals being published were either Weeklies or Monthlies. Out of 22,840 periodicals (except dailies), about 49.17 percent were Weeklies only. The largest number of Weeklies were published from Uttar Pradesh (2,668); followed by Maharashtra (2,179); Madhya Pradesh (1,593); Uttarakhand (1,259); Gujarat (1,041); Delhi (499); Rajasthan (356) and Andhra Pradesh (203). (*Table 3.2*)

3.5.4. About 32.39 percent of the total number of periodicals being published were Monthlies. The largest number of Monthlies were published from Madhya Pradesh (1,979) followed by Delhi (703); Andhra Pradesh (702); Uttar Pradesh (669); and Tamil Nadu (645). Other states publishing more than 200 monthlies were Maharashtra (533); Karnataka (309); Gujarat (301); and Telangana (266). (*Table 3.2*)

3.5.5. Delhi brought out publications in 18 languages followed by: Maharashtra, Uttarakhand and Tamil Nadu in 17 languages each; Karnataka in 15 languages; Gujarat 14; Kerala 13; West Bengal in 12 languages; Punjab & Puducherry in 10 languages; Assam, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh in 9 languages each; Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh in 8 languages each; Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Haryana, Jammu & Kashmir, Odisha

and Telangana in 6 languages each; out of 24 main languages (excluding 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 Madhya Pradesh, where 4,868 publications were brought out in Hindi. The other states with over 500 publications in Hindi were Uttar Pradesh (4,677); Uttarakhand (1,696); Rajasthan (1,529) and Delhi (1,186). (Table 3.3)

3.5.7. States with more than 200 publications in a single language were (i) Delhi (Hindi 1,186) and (English 529); (ii) Andhra Pradesh (Telugu 1,755); (iii) Gujarat (Gujarati 1,845); (iv) Maharashtra (Marathi 2,523), (Hindi 534) and English (370); (v) Uttar Pradesh (Hindi 4,677) and Urdu (782); (vi) West Bengal (Bengali 473); (vii) Tamil Nadu (Tamil 795); (viii) Odisha (Odia 423); (ix) Kerala (Malayalam 322); (x) Karnataka (Kannada 1,093); (xi) Chhattisgarh (Hindi 485); (xii) Haryana (Hindi 297); (xiii) Madhya Pradesh (Hindi 4,868); (xiv) Telangana (Telugu 589); (xv) Uttarakhand (Hindi 1,696); (xvi) Rajasthan (Hindi 1,529). (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, Chennai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Pune, Jaipur, Surat, Nagpur, Visakhapatnam and Amravati);
- (ii) State Capitals;
- (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 2019-2020, Language-wise analysis of publications shows that out of 24,741 Hindi publications, 12,501 were brought out from Big Cities; 8,319 were brought out from the State Capitals; 2,271 from the four Metropolitan Cities; 1,290 from the Union Territories and 360 from the Smaller Towns. Out of 5,771 publications in English, 2,049 were brought out from Big Cities. The other languages in which a large number of publications were brought out from the Metropolitan Cities were Hindi (2,271); English (1,242); Marathi (629); Tamil (541); Telugu (416); and Urdu (382). 13 metropolitan cities brought out 596 Bilingual and 77 Multilingual publications. (Table 3.4)

NUMERICAL ANALYSIS

3.8.1. The total number of publications brought out from the 13 metropolitan cities during 2019-2020 were 7,168 accounting for 14.73 percent of the total publications. State Capitals

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(excluding the Metropolitan Cities) published 13,514 publications constituting 27.77 percent of the total. Big cities published a total of 24,219 publications constituting 49.78 percent of the total, thus dominating the number of publications in India in 2019-2020. A total of 2,769 publications came out from Union Territories and 982 from Small Towns. (Table 3.5)

3.8.2. Out of 13,887 dailies, a total of 1,832 were being published from the Metropolitan Cities and 3,675 from the State Capitals. The Big cities in various States published 7,149 dailies and Union Territories brought out 897 Daily Newspapers. The Small Towns published only 334 Dailies. (Table 3.5)

Table No. 3.1
Publications which filed Annual Statement for 2019-2020
(Language & Periodicity – wise)

S.No.	Language	Daily	Weekly	Fortnightly	Monthly	Quarterly	Annual	Others	Total
1	Assamese	21	17	1	10	2	0	4	55
2	Bengali	68	129	191	107	24	5	21	545
3	Bodo	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
4	Dogri	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Gujarati	408	993	228	266	13	3	15	1926
6	Hindi	4322	6419	1571	3424	279	19	77	16111
7	Kannada	549	121	183	249	9	1	6	1118
8	Kashmiri	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
9	Konkani	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	4
10	Maithili	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
11	Malayalam	135	33	16	139	9	7	6	345
12	Manipuri	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
13	Marathi	612	1553	89	238	29	35	17	2573
14	Nepali	5	2	0	5	0	0	0	12
15	Odia	128	140	63	84	13	1	6	435
16	Punjabi	75	50	16	35	1	0	1	178
17	Sanskrit	14	6	1	6	1	0	0	28
18	Santhali	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
19	Sindhi	9	5	1	4	0	0	0	19
20	Tamil	176	72	95	495	8	1	10	857
21	Telugu	1133	177	201	838	15	0	11	2375
22	Urdu	1132	417	71	86	14	1	6	1727
23	English	841	486	124	677	143	27	206	2504
24	Bilingual	167	520	141	615	69	9	36	1557
25	Multilingual	14	81	18	94	9	5	6	227
26	Others	18	8	5	23	12	0	2	68
	Total	9840	11231	3016	7398	651	114	430	32680

Source: Annual Statement 2019-2020

Table No. 3.2
Publications which filed Annual Statement for 2019-2020
(State/UT & Periodicity – wise)

S.No.	State/UT	Daily	Weekly	Fortnightly	Monthly	Quarterly	Annual	Others	Total
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	15	3	1	0	0	0	0	19
2	Andhra Pradesh	998	203	159	702	9	1	13	2085
3	Arunachal Pradesh	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
4	Assam	66	33	2	11	0	0	7	119
5	Bihar	192	37	11	43	5	0	1	289
6	Chandigarh	48	24	0	13	0	0	0	85
7	Chhattisgarh	178	125	27	170	9	1	7	517
8	D & N Haveli and Daman & Diu	24	7	4	2	0	0	0	37
9	Delhi	576	499	225	703	99	13	116	2231
10	Goa	19	2	4	7	1	0	0	33
11	Gujarat	508	1041	259	301	22	2	17	2150
12	Haryana	109	109	40	88	4	1	5	356
13	Himachal Pradesh	28	56	4	11	8	3	0	110
14	Jammu & Kashmir	233	112	10	16	1	1	5	378
15	Jharkhand	101	29	9	29	3	0	1	172
16	Karnataka	618	165	195	309	22	1	16	1326
17	Kerala	147	47	19	192	20	13	10	448
18	Ladakh	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
19	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	Madhya Pradesh	1230	1593	227	1979	152	4	32	5217
21	Maharashtra	862	2179	146	533	86	50	95	3951
22	Manipur	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
23	Meghalaya	12	1	0	1	0	0	0	14
24	Mizoram	5	0	0	5	2	0	2	14
25	Nagaland	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
26	Odisha	160	153	78	107	17	1	9	525
27	Puducherry	15	16	4	21	6	0	2	64
28	Punjab	80	98	24	91	9	9	4	315
29	Rajasthan	417	356	705	182	14	2	8	1684
30	Sikkim	16	1	0	0	0	0	0	17
31	Tamil Nadu	208	145	112	645	10	0	16	1136
32	Telangana	454	104	74	266	8	1	4	911
33	Tripura	17	29	1	2	0	0	0	49
34	Uttar Pradesh	2140	2668	253	669	93	3	25	5851
35	Uttarakhand	212	1259	212	157	15	2	6	1863
36	West Bengal	120	136	211	143	36	6	29	681
	Total	9840	11231	3016	7398	651	114	430	32680

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Table No. 3.3
Publications which filed Annual Statement for 2019-2020
(State/UT & Language – wise)

S.No.	State/UT	Assamese	Bengali	Bodo	Dogri	Gujarati	Hindi	Kannada	Kashmiri	Konkani	Maithili	Malayalam	Manipuri	Marathi
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0	1	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Andhra Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0	11	2	0	0	0	0	0	1
3	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Assam	50	17	3	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Bihar	0	2	0	0	0	162	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
6	Chandigarh	0	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Chhattisgarh	0	0	0	0	0	485	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	D & N Haveli and Daman & Diu	0	0	0	0	9	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
9	Delhi	2	5	0	0	6	1186	8	0	0	0	7	0	6
10	Goa	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	10
11	Gujarat	0	1	0	0	1845	137	1	0	0	0	0	0	13
12	Haryana	0	0	0	0	0	297	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	Himachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0	83	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	Jammu & Kashmir	0	0	0	0	0	37	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
15	Jharkhand	0	2	0	0	0	119	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	Karnataka	0	1	0	0	1	14	1093	0	2	0	4	0	9
17	Kerala	0	2	0	0	1	6	2	0	0	0	322	0	1
18	Ladakh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	Madhya Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0	4868	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
21	Maharashtra	0	0	0	0	61	534	7	0	1	1	5	0	2523
22	Manipur	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0
23	Meghalaya	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
24	Mizoram	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25	Nagaland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
26	Odisha	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
27	Puducherry	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
28	Punjab	0	1	0	0	0	91	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
29	Rajasthan	0	0	0	0	0	1529	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
30	Sikkim	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31	Tamil Nadu	1	1	0	0	2	16	3	0	0	0	5	0	1
32	Telangana	0	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
33	Tripura	0	37	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
34	Uttar Pradesh	0	1	0	0	0	4677	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
35	Uttarakhand	1	1	0	0	1	1696	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
36	West Bengal	1	473	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	55	545	3	0	1926	16111	1118	3	4	2	345	6	2573

Source: Annual Statement 2019-2020

Table No. 3.3 (Contd.)
Publications which filed Annual Statement for 2019-2020
 (State/UT & Language – wise)

S.No.	State/UT	Nepali	Odia	Punjabi	Sanskrit	Santhali	Sindhi	Tamil	Telugu	Urdu	English	Bilingual	Multilingual	Others	Total
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	8	2	0	0	19
2	Andhra Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1755	79	168	61	8	0	2085
3	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	12
4	Assam	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	25	2	2	3	119
5	Bihar	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	101	15	5	0	2	289
6	Chandigarh	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	3	4	0	85
7	Chhattisgarh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	9	16	0	1	517
8	D & N Haveli and Daman & Diu	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	37
9	Delhi	1	3	34	5	0	0	8	8	193	529	210	18	2	2231
10	Goa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	19	0	0	0	33
11	Gujarat	0	2	0	5	0	6	0	2	7	74	35	21	1	2150
12	Haryana	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	17	34	2	0	356
13	Himachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	4	3	0	110
14	Jammu & Kashmir	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	122	178	34	4	0	378
15	Jharkhand	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	22	20	5	2	1	172
16	Karnataka	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	3	21	111	50	9	4	1326
17	Kerala	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	71	26	4	7	448
18	Ladakh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
19	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	Madhya Pradesh	0	0	0	6	0	2	0	0	57	81	180	18	0	5217
21	Maharashtra	3	0	0	1	0	3	8	3	87	370	283	60	1	3951
22	Manipur	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	1	0	1	14
23	Meghalaya	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	6	14
24	Mizoram	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	10	14
25	Nagaland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	2	6
26	Odisha	0	423	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	49	35	4	0	525
27	Puducherry	0	2	0	1	0	0	37	2	0	6	9	3	1	64
28	Punjab	0	1	126	0	0	0	0	1	2	26	37	29	0	315
29	Rajasthan	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	4	37	93	4	7	1684
30	Sikkim	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	6	0	0	0	17
31	Tamil Nadu	1	1	1	0	0	0	795	10	2	148	142	5	2	1136
32	Telangana	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	589	157	106	30	12	0	911
33	Tripura	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	2	1	0	49
34	Uttar Pradesh	0	0	2	5	0	0	0	0	782	187	184	6	7	5851
35	Uttarakhand	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	44	51	49	1	10	1863
36	West Bengal	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	26	97	22	7	0	681
	Total	12	435	178	28	2	19	857	2375	1727	2504	1557	227	68	32680

Source: Annual Statement 2019-2020

Table No. 3.4
Geographical Concentration of Publications which filed Annual Statement for 2019-2020
 (Language & Place – wise)

S.No.	Language	Big City	Metropolitan City	State Capital	Smaller Town	Union Territory
1	Assamese	15	4	9	12	2
2	Bengali	144	94	109	10	5
3	Bodo	0	0	0	0	0
4	Dogri	0	0	0	0	0
5	Gujarati	1330	606	211	5	6
6	Hindi	12501	2271	8319	360	1290
7	Kannada	244	18	16	41	8
8	Kashmiri	3	0	3	0	3
9	Konkani	1	1	1	0	0
10	Maithili	2	0	0	0	0
11	Malayalam	190	13	13	93	7
12	Manipuri	2	0	2	0	0
13	Marathi	1793	629	258	79	7
14	Nepali	9	5	8	0	1
15	Odia	159	7	54	29	4
16	Punjabi	145	35	49	20	46
17	Sanskrit	27	10	14	0	5
18	Santhali	1	0	0	0	0
19	Sindhi	16	9	4	0	0
20	Tamil	752	541	559	40	30
21	Telugu	1420	416	196	20	8
22	Urdu	1301	382	1012	10	293
23	English	2049	1242	1637	51	792
24	Bilingual	1226	596	742	51	253
25	Multilingual	185	77	77	9	29
26	Others	204	168	193	2	2

Source: Annual Statement 2019-2020

Table No. 3.5
Geographical Concentration of Publications which filed Annual Statement for 2019-2020
 (Periodicity & Place – wise)

S.No.	Center	Daily	Weekly	Fortnightly	Monthly	Quarterly	Annual	Others
1	Big City	7149	8137	2045	5950	517	81	340
2	Metropolitan City	1832	1845	863	2116	212	64	236
3	State Capital	3675	4248	1117	3800	361	48	265
4	Smaller Towns	334	289	102	218	13	17	9
5	Union Territory	897	649	241	751	101	14	116

Source: Annual Statement 2019-2020