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DELHI FOUR INDEPENDENT NEWS AGENCIES TO BEGIN OPERATION 15 APRIL

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((TEXT)) FOUR NEWS AGENCIES--PRESS TRUST OF INDIA, UNITED

NEWS OF INDIA, HINDUSTAN SAMACHAR AND SAMACHAR BHARATI--WILL  
START INDEPENDENT FUNCTIONING FROM THE 15TH OF NEXT MONTH  
AFTER THE DISSOLUTION OF SAMACHAR. THIS WAS STATED BY THE  
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING MINISTER IN THE RAJYA SABHA TODAY.  
MR ADVANI WAS REPLYING TO A CALLING ATTENTION MOTION RAISED  
BY MR KAPNATH RAI, CONGRESS, AND SEVERAL OTHERS ON THE  
DELAY IN REORGANIZING SAMACHAR.

THE MINISTER SAID THE GOVERNMENT WILL PAY MORE ATTENTION  
TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF LANGUAGE NEWS AGENCIES; OTHERWISE,  
HE ADDED, THE LANGUAGE PRESS WILL SUFFER. HE INFORMED THE  
HOUSE THAT THE GOVERNMENT AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO PROVIDE  
ACCOMMODATION TO THE TWO LANGUAGE NEWS AGENCIES, HINDUSTAN  
SAMACHAR AND SAMACHAR BHARATI. 231230 SB/RUDY/DK 23/1255Z MAR