# Will newspapers go the way of the post office? 

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Ave. monthly expenditure/household on comm. \& recreation

|  |  | 2009/10 |  | 2012/13 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | LKR | As \% of comm. \& recreation | LKR | As \% of comm. \& recreation |
|  | Telecom \& Internet | 749.84 | 65\% | 885.93 | 63\% |
|  | Post | 4.41 | 0\% | 3.12 | 0\% |
|  | Other communicationcharges | 0.74 | 0\% | 2.52 | 0\% |
|  | Excursions \& pilgrimages | 225.64 | 20\% | 222.39 | 16\% |
|  | Lotteries \& betting | 50.05 | 4\% | 48.6 | 3\% |
|  | Books, newspapers \& | 42.63 | 4\% | 62.22 | 4\% |
|  | magazines |  |  |  |  |
|  | Toys | 25.32 | 2\% | 27.32 | 2\% |
|  | Sports, art, music, dancing | 13.83 | 1\% | 8.28 | 1\% |
|  | Radio, TV, video deck maintenance | 12.91 | 1\% | 14.06 | 1\% |
|  | Pets \& aquariums | 10.57 | 1\% | 13.5 | 1\% |
|  | Cinema, plays, video | 7.37 | 1\% | 11.81 | 1\% |
|  | Other recreational activities | 14.15 | 1\% | 106.84 | 8\% |
|  | Total communication \& recreation | 1157.46 | 100\% | 1406.59 | 100\% |

Source: HIES 2009/2010 \& 2012/2013

Sel. expenditures as \% of mean monthly h'hold expenditure

| $2009 / 10$ | $2012 / 13$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| 31,331 | 41,144 |


|  | 2009/10 |  | 2012/13 |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | Amount <br> (LKR) | As \% of total <br> household <br> expenditure | Amount (LKR) | As \% of total <br> household |
|  <br> Internet | 749.84 | $2.4 \%$ | 885.93 | $2.15 \%$ |
|  <br> pilgrimages | 225.64 | $0.7 \%$ | 222.39 | $0.54 \%$ |
|  <br> betting | 50.05 | $0.16 \%$ | 48.6 | $0.12 \%$ |
| Books, <br>  <br> magazines | 42.63 | $0.14 \%$ | 62.22 | $0.15 \%$ |

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## Broadband penetration, 2009-2015Q2



But newspapers are not sold; the attention they assemble is sold to advertisers

- Hard to get reliable data
- Following slide is from a 2015 presentation by Nielsen Lanka
- Newspaper share of ad market in Sri Lanka has declined from $20 \%$ in 2005 to less than $10 \%$ in 2014


## TV AD SHARE CONTINUES TO INCREASE, AND SHORTER ADS (5-15SECS) ACCOUNT FOR 50\% OF AD SPEND ON TV

Value contribution by medium to total ad spend


Value contribution to TV ad duration



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