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The objective of this research was to study the policy of the present government as well as the related laws and legislation on accessibility to government information. An analysis was also included the media's right to know on official and government information, their liberty on the information accessibility and the improvement of law and legislation procedure concerning the media.

Significant results were as follows :

1. The accessibility and the right to know of the press was highly given more than broadcasting counterpart.
2. Despite all the enacted constitutions stipulated firmly on the right and liberty of the media on information accessibility and there had been many laws and legislation in Thailand concerning this matter the study revealed that Thai media did not absolutely enjoy their expected right. In some cases, however, the right and liberty of the media, especially on the government information accessibility, was limited upon national stability and security justification. It was also found that the related laws and legislation as well as concerning procedure should be furtherly developed, while the media role should be geared towards an exercise of their self responsibility much better than ever.

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