

**Government of India
Press Information Bureau
Press Relations Section**

Sub: **Third party Transparency Audit for the year 2025-2026-reg.**

Kindly refer to the mail dated 22.04.2026 on the subject mentioned above.

2. In this regard, the requisite information has been enclosed as Annexure A.
3. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

Encl: **Annexure A**

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Section Officer (Press Relations Section)

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Annexure A

S. No.	Item	Details of disclosure	Remarks/Reference Points
1.7	Boards, Councils, Committees and other Bodies constituted as part of the Public Authority [Section 4(1)(b)(vii)]	IX. Name of Boards, Council, Committee etc.	The details of the Central Media Accreditation Committee (CMAC) and Journalist Welfare Scheme (JWS) Committee are enclosed as Annexure 1 & 2.
		X. Composition	
		XI. Dates from which constituted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CMAC: 04.03.2025 (from the first meeting of CMAC) • JWS committee: 22.10.2025
		XII. Term/Tenure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CMAC: 04.03.2025 to 03.03.2027 • JWS committee: 22.10.2025 to 21.10.2027
		XIII. Powers and functions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CMAC: to recommend or reject the applications received for PIB card accreditation as per the Central Media Accreditation Guidelines-2022 (CMAG-2022) (copy enclosed) • JWS committee: To consider or reject the applications received under JWS for providing financial assistance to journalists/their families facing extreme hardships.
		XIV. Whether their meetings are open to the public?	No
		XV. Whether the minutes of the meetings are open to the public?	The recommendation of the committee are informed to the applicants through email/letters.
XVI. Place where the minutes if open to the public are available?	Not applicable.		

New Delhi, Dated: 22.10.2025

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Re-Constitution of the Committee to administer Journalist Welfare Scheme (JWS)-reg.

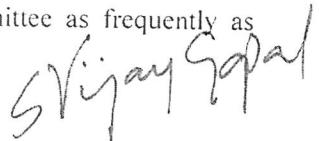
The undersigned is directed to convey the approval of the competent authority for re-constitution of the Committee to administer Journalist Welfare Scheme (JWS) as under:

1. Secretary (I&B) (Ex-Officio) - Chairman
2. Principal DG, PIB (Ex-Officio) - Member
3. JS (IP-1) (Ex-Officio) - Member

Non-official Members:

4	Shri Asutosh Jha	Editor, Dainik Jagran
5	Ms Poornima Joshi	Executive Editor, The Hindu Business Line
6	Shri Twesh Mishra	Correspondent, Economic Times
7	Shri Sachin Budholia	Correspondent, Hindustan Samachar
8	Shri Ashish Manchanda	Editor, IANS
9	Shri Amitabh Sinha	Executive Editor, News 18
10	Ms. Vasudha Venugopal	Correspondent, NDTV
11	Shri B.V. Rao	Group Editor, India Today (Digital)

2. The term of Non-Official Members will be for two years w.e.f. 22.10.2025.
3. The Committee may meet at least once in a quarter to take decision on cases received during the period. However, in cases of urgent/ emergent nature which require immediate financial assistance, the Chairman may convene meetings of the Committee as frequently as deemed necessary.


(S. Vijay Gopal)
Deputy Secretary (IP-1)
Tel:23389202

To
All Members of JWS Committee

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PS to HMIB, PS to HMSIB, Sr.PPS to Secy (I&B), Pr. DG PIB, PPS to JS(IP-1), DD
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7.	Shri Akhilesh Sharma, NDTV	Members	Nominated
8.	Shri Sandeep S., Janmabhumi (Malayalam)		
9.	Shri Shriram Joshi, Pudhari (Marathi)		
10.	Shri Sachin Budhaliya, Univarta		
11.	Shri Sunil Pandey, Freelance		
12.	Shri Sumit Pande, Deccan Herald		
13.	Ms. Smriti Kak, Hindustan Times		
14.	Shri Devendra Parashar, India TV		
15.	Shri Himanshu Mishra, Aajtak		
16.	Shri Anjani Kumar Singh, Prabhat Khabar		
17.	Shri Rajesh Kumar Thakur, New Indian Express		
18.	Shri Navneet Mishra, Rajasthan Patrika		
19.	Shri Neelu Ranjan, Jagran		
20.	Shri Anilesh Mahajan, Indian Today Magazine		
21.	Shri Shamkant Jahigirdar, Tarun Bharat Nagpur		
22.	Ms. Payal, News 18		
23.	Shri Sudhir Kumar Panda, Editor, Pratidin Odia Daily		
24.	Shri Shawan Sen, Republic		

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(Press Section)

Room No. 760, 'A' Wing
 Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
 Dated: 18th February, 2025

CORRIGENDUM

Subject: Re-Constitution of Central Media Accreditation Committee (CMAC) for a period of two years i.e. 2025-27 –reg.

In partial modification of this Ministry's O.M. of even no. dated 16.01.2025, the revised composition of the Central Media Accreditation Committee (CMAC) for a period of two years i.e. 2025-27 for grant of accreditation to working journalists and other category of persons at the Headquarters of Government of India, in accordance with "The Central Media Accreditation Guidelines, 2022" is as under:


S. No.	Name of Representative	Association/ Union/ Federation	
	Principal DG, Press Information Bureau, Government of India New Delhi	Ex-Officio	Chairperson
1.	Shri Mahadev Rao, Senior Cameraman	Working News Cameramen's Association	Members of Eligible Associations
2.	Ms. Ras Bihari, Freelance Journalist	National Union of Journalists (India)	
3.	Shri Arvind Kumar Singh, Correspondent, Hindustan	Press Association	
4.	Shri Amitabh Sinha, TV18 group	Members	Nominated
5.	Shri Naveen Kapoor, ANI		
6.	Shri Ravindra Kumar, Zee News		

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2. The rest of the O.M. dated 16.01.2025 remains the same.



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Copy for information to:

- i. All Media Units, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting
- ii. All Members of the current CMAC (PIB is requested to intimate all members).
- iii. Press Council of India, Soochna Bhawan, New Delhi
- iv. PS to HMIB/ PS to HMSIB/ Sr.PPS to Sec.(I&B)/ PPS to JS (IP&A).
- v. ADG (Press Facilities) [Smt. Beena Yadav], PIB, Room No. 204, NMC, New Delhi-110001
- vi. DD (PRS) [Shri B. Hari Agrawal], PIB, Room No. 322, NMC, New Delhi-110001.