

**GUIDELINES FOR RECONSTITUTION OF CENTRAL PRESS ACCREDITATION  
COMMITTEE (CPAC)**

(as amended on 23.12.2009)

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- a) The association/union/federation seeking representation on CPAC should be a body of Editors, Editors-cum-Proprietors, correspondents and News Cameramen registered with the appropriate Government authorities or a body of Association/ Union/ Federation of News Media Organisations duly registered with the appropriate Government authorities.
- b) The association/union should have at least five years standing from the date of its registration with the appropriate Government authority.
- c) The association/union shall have to furnish documentary evidence after every two years of its membership, finances and activities duly endorsed by a Chartered Accountant.
- d) The association/union seeking representation on CPAC should have a representative character on all India basis and have registered affiliated bodies in a minimum of six states spread over in different regions of the country except (i) organizations which by their very nature do not/cannot have affiliated bodies in the States, and (ii) those unions who have 90% or more of their members accredited with the PIB.
- e) At least 90 per cent of the members of the association/federation should qualify in terms of the norms laid down for grant of accreditation in the Central News Media Accreditation Rules. The condition of residing at Delhi or its periphery will, however, not be applicable.
- f) The association/union seeking representation on the CPAC should have a minimum membership as under:-
- (i) Cameramen/photographers Association/Union – 50 members (At least 12 members should be accredited with the PIB)
  - (ii) Other journalists association/ union – 200 members (At least 50 members should be accredited with the Govt. of India/State Govt.)
  - (iii) Federations of news media organizations which have only institutional members must have at least 25 members. However, the organizations shall meet the criteria in f (ii) in terms of the number of journalists employed by all the member organizations put together and accredited with PIB/State Government/s.
  - (iv) Associations of editors or Channel heads or heads of other news media organizations shall have at least 25 members. However, their organizations shall meet the criteria f (ii) in terms of the number of journalists employed by all their organizations put together and accredited with PIB/State Govt. /s.
- g) Not more than any two organizations of sectarian interest shall be given representation. In case more than two are found eligible for membership on CPAC, the two largest bodies (Membership-wise) shall be given representation.

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- h) The total membership of CPAC shall not exceed 25. Pr. DG may nominate, if necessary, one member each from RNI and the XP Division of the Ministry of External Affairs to advise the committee on matters relating to circulation and as regards standing/status of foreign correspondents/ newspapers and foreign agencies. The two members will be in addition to the suggested strength of 25 members of CPAC.
- i) Each recognized Association/ Federation will be invited to send a panel of journalists from which the Government may nominate one representative as member in the CPAC. The panel should have 3 names reflecting a pan-India representation. Remaining vacancies of journalists will be filled up by the Ministry of I&B on the recommendation of the Pr. DG from journalists of repute having PIB accreditation.
- j) The professional bodies of journalists such as cameramen associations will get weightage in representation over the non-professional ones as the main purpose of granting accreditation is to provide functional facilities to them in their day-to-day coverage.
- k) The Principal Director General will have the right to call for any information as may be considered necessary from the organizations/ associations concerned in connection with their representation on the CPAC.

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