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**Delhi Administration: Delhi
(Public Relations Department)**

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Notification

No. F. 2/22/86- PRD:- The Administrator of the Union Territory of Delhi for the purpose of constitution of the Delhi Press Accreditation Committee and accreditation of Media Representatives within the Union Territory of Delhi is pleased to make the following rules:-

1.	Short Title : These rules may be called the Delhi Press Accreditation Rules, 1986.
2.	Commencement:
2.1	These rules shall come into force with immediate effect.
2.2	These rules shall apply to the grant of accreditation by Delhi Administration in the Union Territory of Delhi to Representatives of news media organisations.
2.3	These rules shall supersede all previous rules dealing with the accreditation of news media representatives to Delhi Administration, Provided that news media representatives already accredited shall continue to remain so, until otherwise reviewed by the Delhi Press Accreditation Committee in terms of the new rules.
2.4	Amendments:
	These rules may be amended/altered/modified/added to on the recommendation of at least two third members of the Delhi Press Accreditation Committee if a proposal to this effect is made by at least three of its members or the Director, Information and Publicity.
3.	Definitions :
3.1	'Administrator' means Administrator of the Union Territory of Delhi appointed by the President of India under article 239 of the constitution of India .
3.2	'Delhi Press Accreditation Committee' means a Committee appointed by the Administrator of the Union Territory of Delhi to deal with the grant of accreditation to representatives of news media organisations.
3.3	'Newspaper' means any Publication, printed and distributed at fixed intervals, which contains news and comments of public interest as defined in the Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867 but not a publication containing information of sectional interest, such as house journals.
3.4	'News Media' shall include wire services, non-wire services, audio and audio-visual net work dealing with news of public interest or comments on news of public interest.
3.5	'Director' Information and publicity means the Director of Information and Publicity, Delhi Administration (here in after referred to as D.I.P.)
3.6	'Working Journalist' means any working journalist as defined in the 'Working Journalists' conditions of service and miscellaneous provisions Act, 1955 as amended from time to time.

	3.7 'Accreditation' means recognition of news media representatives by the Administrator for purpose of access to source of information in the Administration and also to news materials, written or pictorial, released by the Directorate of Information and Publicity and/or other agencies of Delhi Administration.
4.	Constitution of The Delhi Press Accreditation Committee and Conduct of The Business
	4.1 The Administrator shall constitute a committee called the Delhi Press Accreditation Committee (hereinafter referred to as the DPAC) to discharge the functions laid down under these rules.
	4.2 The DPAC shall consist of representatives of associations/organisation of working journalists and Editors recognised by the Press Council of India and Press Information Bureau and such other organisations may be decided by the Administrator from time to time.
	4.3 The D.I.P. shall convene meetings of the DPAC and maintain all records and proceedings of their deliberations. At its first meeting, the members of the DPAC will elect the Chairman who will preside over the subsequent meetings. The First meeting will be presided over the protem Chairman.
	4.4 The DPAC once constituted, shall function for a period of tow years from the date its notification.
	4.5 The DPAC shall meet once every two months or more frequently if deemed necessary by the D.I.P.

5.	Scope of Accreditation:
	5.1 Accreditation may be given in accordance with these rules to news-media representatives of the following categories viz., Editor-Cum-Correspondent, correspondent, cameraman, cartoonist, Cartographer, Sports Journalist, Science Journalist, Media Critic and such other categories, as may be recommended from time to one by the DPAC.
	5.2 Accreditation shall not confer any official or special status on news-media representatives, but shall recognise and identify him/her as a professional journalist dealing with news of public interest.
	5.3 Accreditation shall be used only for journalistic purposes and for no other purpose.
	5.4 Accredited representative shall not use the words "Accredited to Delhi Administration" on visiting cards, letters heads on any other form of personal stationery or any other literature.
	5.5 When an accredited representative cuases to represent the media organisation whose behalf he/she is accredited, the fact shall be brought to the notice of the DIP in writing within one month by both the representative and the head of the editorial department of the organisation and the accreditation card shall be returned to DIP.
	5.6 Accreditation shall be withdrawn if the organisation on whose behalf the representative is accredited oases its publication or the network ceases to function. except for a short period for reasons of industrial dispute or natural

	calamities.
5.7	The maximum number of representatives that may be accredited on behalf of a news media organisation/shall be determined on the basis of the norms laid down in the Schedule attached to these rules.
5.8	An accredited representative may be given not more than one additional endorsement on behalf of another media organisation.
6. Eligibility Criteria for News Agencies :	
6.1	The following criteria will be taken into consider action for the grant of accreditation to representatives of news agencies news photo agencies and radio and Television news.
(a)	The contents of the items circulated/produced by agencies mentioned above should include news and information emanating from the Delhi Administration
(b)	A news agency should use postal, telegraphic or electronic transmission and receiving facilities and should have paying subscribers in news media organisations spread over not less than six states & 12 paying subscribers.
(c)	A news photo agency should have a minimum of six paying subscribers and a minimum annual subscription income of Rs. 15,000/- and a Television Organisation Rs. 30,000/- from news media organisation as certified by an established firm of chartered accountants.
(d)	Wire agencies should provide services to news media organisation, including audio-visual network on a regular commercial basis and shall produce certificate from an established firm of chartered accounts about their subscription income.
7. Eligibility Criteria for Newspapers :	
7.1	Newspapers up to weekly periodically shall only be eligible to seek accreditation of working journalists on their behalf in accordance with the following criteria :
(a)	The contents of the news papers should include news and information emanating from the Delhi Administration and shall mainly contain information and/or comments, features, illustrations etc. on current social, political, economic, scientific, cultural and other matters of public interest.
(b)	A daily newspaper shall be published not less than six days in a week.
(c)	A weekly newspaper shall be published not less than 45 weeks in a year.
(d)	The circulation of newspaper (daily or weekly) shall not be less than 3,000 copies per publishing day or per issue.
(e)	Two or more newspapers or Periodicals having a combined circulation or not less than 5,000 copies may sponsor a common representative: provided that such newspapers shall not be entitled to sponsor a second representative.
(f)	Headquarter of the publication would be within the Union Territory of Delhi.
8. Eligibility Criteria for News Media Representatives: Applicants seeking accreditation on behalf of media Organisations should satisfy the following qualifications.	
8.1	Not less than three years experience as a full time working Journalist and regularly employed as defined in Rule 3.5; provided further that experience of

	work in a Government Services Division of all India Radio, the news Unit of Doordarshan, Photo Division, State Departments of Information and Publicity, Delhi Administration may be deemed as equivalent to experience of work in a newspaper for the purpose of accreditation.
8.2	His/Her place of work should be within the territorial limits of Union Territory of Delhi during the period of accreditation.
8.3	He/She should be a journalist and employed whole time as a correspondent.
8.4	He/She should not be accredited to Press Information Bureau of Government of India or any State Government. Chief Reporters and Photographers should however, be exceptions.
8.5	The DPAC may consider the grant of accreditation to an applicant not attached to any particular news media organisation; provided that such a person has at least 20 years experience as a full time journalist and has a proven income of not less than Rs. 18,000/- per annum from journalistic activities. Such cases could, however be exceptional.
9. Editor-Cum-Correspondent :	
9.1	Editor of a small and medium newspaper, who also works as correspondent, can be given accreditation as Editor-cum-Correspondent subject to fulfilling of following conditions .
(a)	The newspaper/periodical concerned qualifies for accreditation as per the rules.
(b)	The applicant qualifies for grant of accreditation as correspondent.
(c)	The applicant submits clippings of published dispatches apart from editorials, carrying his/her credit line appearing in the newspaper/periodical concerned, as per the Schedule Attached to these rules.
10. Procedure for Accreditation:	
10.1	A media representative who wishes to seek accreditation shall apply to the Director, Information & Publicity, Delhi Administration, Delhi in a form as may be prescribed from time to time. Each application shall be accompanied by a letter from the Editor recommending accreditation on behalf of the news media organisation concerned.
10.2	Applications for accreditation shall be considered only from those news media representatives who reside within a radius of 25 K.M. from Delhi/New Delhi.
10.3	Applications for accreditation, complete in all respects, shall be placed before the DPAC and accreditation shall be granted on its recommendations
10.4	Accreditation cards shall be issued under the signature of the DIP for a calendar Year, and may be renewed from year to year on the submission of particulars in the prescribed form.
10.5	If both the news paper and correspondent qualify, Director of Information & Publicity may grant accreditation to Correspondent provisionally pending next meeting of the committee or for two months whichever is less. Such temporary accreditation could be issued outside the ceiling fixed for the newspaper on the request of the Editor/News-Editor. DIP may also accept substitution of an accredited correspondent desired for a temporary period.
10.6	The DIP may grant regular accreditation in cases in which a news media

	organisation has been represented by an accredited representative, who has been accredited earlier for another news media organisation.
10.7	If the DPAC, for reasons duly recorded in its minutes, decides not to grant accreditation to an applicant, the fact of such a decision shall forthwith be communicated to the applicant and the news media organisation concerned.
10.8	The aggrieved applicant and/or news media organisation shall be entitled to make a representation to the DPAC for reconsideration.

11. Invitations to Accredited Correspondents:

11.1	A press card will be issued to each accredited correspondent Admission to the special functions, including press conferences, however, will be governed by invitations. Correspondents of weeklies will also have admission to press conferences, depending on the character and volume of coverage required and keeping in view the service limitations of the Directorate of Information & Publicity, Delhi Administration, Delhi .
11.2	Where it is not possible to invite all accredited correspondent to a special function or news conference, invitations would be extended on the basis of the subject with which the accredited correspondent of a News-Paper is concerned.

12.

Suspension/Withdrawal of Accreditation:

12.1	The accreditation is liable to be suspended/withdrawn if an accredited representative is engaged in non-journalistic activities or conduct himself/herself in an unprofessional or undignified manner, provided that such action shall be taken in consultation with at least three members or chairman of the DPAC and placed before it in due course.
12.2	If an accredited representative is found to have given false information about himself/herself or about his/her organisation and if the DPAC, after giving a reasonable opportunity to the representative concerned to defend himself/herself, is satisfied that the charges are true, the accreditation may be suspended/withdrawn for a period not exceeding two years and during this period he/she shall not be eligible for the grant of further accreditation, provided that no decision to suspend/withdraw the accreditation of media representative shall be taken by DPAC, except at a meeting attended by at least half of its members.
12.3	In emergent cases, Administrator will be free to take any action warranted by circumstances in matters relating to accreditation and dis-accreditation

13. Review:

13.1	There shall be a periodic review of accreditation granted to news media representatives. For purposes of such a review, information regarding circulation, revenue, etc. may be called for, if necessary and media representatives asked to provide clippings of published dispatches or photographs or dope sheets from the news the news media organisation concerned.
13.2	The DPAC may also review the list of accredited correspondents in the light of demands for accreditation from various section of the press.

14. Quorum:

14.1	One third of the members of the Committee present in any meeting will form the
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	quorum and the meeting will be adjourned if this quorum is incomplete. But any number of members present in the subsequent meeting will form the quorum, if it is convened to consider the business placed in the earlier meeting adjourned due to lack of quorum.
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15. Renewal of Press Cards:

- 15.1 The accredited representatives will apply on the prescribed form for renewal of their cards in the month of December every year.
- 15.2 The accreditation will lapse in case the press cards are not renewed within three month of the date of expiry.

By order,
(Sd-R.L Srivastava)
Deputy Secretary (Public Relations)
Delhi Administration, Delhi.

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Schedule

CLASSIFIED ON NEWS MEDIA FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAXIMUM ENTITLEMENT:

I. Dailies No. Maximum No. of Accreditation

(a)	Circulation between 3,000 & 10,000	1
(b)	Circulation between 10,001 & 20,000	2
(c)	Circulation between 20,001 & 30,000	4
(d)	Circulation between 30,001 & 50,000	6
(e)	Circulation between 50,001 & 1,00,000	10
(f)	Circulation above 1 lakh	12

II. Cameramen Maximum 2 (Two) additional:

Weeklies

(a)	Circulation between 3,000 and 10,000	1
(b)	Circulation above 10,000	2

III. News Agencies:

Each of the following news agencies will be entitled for accreditation of 5 representatives:

U.N.I
P.T.I
Univarta
Samachar Bharti
Hindustan Samachar
All India Radio
Doordarshan

IV. NEWS PHOTO AGENCIES/ TELEVISION NEWS AGENCIES

News Photo Agencies/Television News Agencies

News photo agencies/Television News Agencies will be entitled for accreditation of their representatives as given below:

(a)	News Photo Agencies: Gross Annual Revenue between 15,000 and 30,000	1 Correspondent/Cameraman
	Gross annual revenue above Rs. 30,000	2 Correspondent/Cameraman
(b)	TELEVISION NEWS AGENCIES	
	Gross annual revenues between Rs. 30,000 and 1 lakh	1 Correspondent 1 Cameraman
	Gross annual revenue above Rs. 1 lakh	1 Correspondent & 2 Cameraman

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No. F. 2/22/86 PRD:- The Administrator of the Union Territory of Delhi is hereby pleased to make the following rules further to amend the 'Delhi Press Accreditation Rules, 1986' Namely:-

Short title and commencement	1.	(1) These rules may be called the Delhi Press Accreditation (Amendment) Rules, 1989. (2) They shall come into force at once.
Amendment in the Schedule	2.	In Delhi Press Accreditation Rules 1986, for existing schedule appended thereto, schedule given hereunder shall be substituted

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	(e) Circulation between 50,001 & 1,00,000 Lac	10
	(f) Circulation above 1 lakh	12
(B)	Camerman	2 (in addition to above)
II.	EVENING DAILIES:	
(A)	(a) Circulation between 5,000 but below 10,000	2
	(b) Circulation between 5,000 but below 10,000	3
	(c) Circulation between 20,001 & 30,000	4
	(d) Circulation between 30,001 & 50,000	6
	(e) Circulation between 50,001 & 1,00,000	10
	(f) Circulation above 1 lakh and above	12
(B)	Camerman	2 (in addition to above)
III.	WEEKLIES	
	(a) Circulation between 3,000 to 10,000 1	1
	(b) Circulation above 10,000	2
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	1. U.N.I. 2. P.T.I. 3. Univarata	

	4. Bhasha 5. All India Radio 6. Doordarshan	
V.	NEWS PHOTO AGENCIES/TELEVISION NEWS AGENCIES. News photo agencies/Television News Agencies will be entitled for accreditation of their representatives as given below :	
	(a) News Photo Agencies: Gross Annual Revenue between 15,000 and 30,000	1Correspondent/Cameraman
	Gross annual revenue above Rs. 30,000	2Correspondent/Cameraman
	(b) TELEVISION NEWS AGENCIES	
	Gross annual revenues between Rs. 30,000 and 1 lakh	1 Correspondent &1 cameraman
	Gross annual revenue above Rs. 1 Lac	1 Correspondent & 2 cameraman

By order and in the name Of the Administrator of the Union Territory of Delhi.

Sd/-
(M.L. Vijay)
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