

## **Recommendations of 183<sup>rd</sup> CPAC regarding accreditation granted by PIB:**

### **1. Failure to inform PIB in case media person changes organization:**

The committee has recommended to strictly adhere to the existing terms & conditions of online application form for accreditation. The terms & conditions state that *“When an accredited representative ceases to represent the media organization on whose behalf he/she is accredited, the fact shall be brought to the notice of the PDG (M&C) in writing within 15 days by both, the representative as well as the Head of the editorial department of the concerned organization/Editor and the accreditation card should be returned to PDG (M&C) failing which the media persons involved and the concerned organization is liable to be debarred for accreditation for the next calendar year.”*

The following procedure would be followed in such cases:

- i) A journalist may seek permission from Pr. DG, PIB to retain the card, through written application, within 15 days of leaving the organization and Pr. DG, PIB may permit the same, if found justified, for 15 more days, after which he/she has to surrender the card to PIB.
- ii) If the journalist fails to surrender the card within the mentioned timeframe (1 month in total), PIB may debar the journalist from accreditation for 1 year from the date of expiry of 1 month after leaving the organization and for 3 years during subsequent lapses, if any.

### **2. Freelance Accreditation**

The committee suggested that when a journalist applies for freelance accreditation within 2 years of leaving a news media organization, he/she may be granted freelance accreditation without asking for proof of freelance work (by-line clippings or news stories, participating in panel discussions on news channels).

In case, the gap is more than 2 years, from the date of leaving the last organisation, the journalist should submit minimum 12 news related items as proof of freelance work done in the last 1 year. However, Pr. DG, PIB can call for any information and documents considered necessary for the purpose of ensuring credibility and genuineness of cases of accreditation at the time of accreditation or at its renewal or at any other time if so required as mentioned in rule no. 7.2 of the accreditation guidelines.

### **3. Eligibility criteria for Wire News Agency**

Wire News Agencies should have at least 50 news subscribers along with annual revenue of not less than Rs. 20 lakh to be eligible for grant of accreditation to its news media representatives.

This issues with the approval of Pr. DG, PIB.