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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Press Correspondents applying for accreditation of the Press Information Bureau (PIB) are facing problems after the introduction of online system of submitting forms;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the number of applications received by PIB in English, Hindi, Urdu, Punjabi and other languages in the current year;
- (d) the time taken in processing online applications and the number of accreditations accorded during each of the last three years and the current year alongwith the reasons for delay;
- (e) whether any special arrangements have been made for accreditation of language newspapers; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. JATUA)

(a) & (b): The introduction of online system of submitting forms for accreditation has made the process quicker and more transparent. No major difficulties have been reported by the media persons in filling online applications for accreditation. However, in some cases difficulties due to non-accessibility of computers or internet, were reported. PIB took immediate steps by setting up help desk deploying personnel & equipment which helped such journalists to file their applications online.

(c): So far 2182 online applications have been received for renewal and fresh accreditation from English and Indian language papers.

(d): Time taken for grant of accreditation in respect of fresh cases depends upon submission of supporting documents by media persons and completion of formalities like recommendation by Central Press Accreditation Committee (CPAC) and police verification.

Total number of accredited journalists as on 31.12.2007 is 1929.

Total number of accredited journalists as on 31.12.2008 is 2196.

Total number of accredited journalists as on 31.12.2009 is 2330.

Total number of accredited journalists up to 24.02.2010 is 1692.

(e) & (f): News media organizations representing various languages are treated on equal footing while considering the cases of accreditation of their representatives.