

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6361
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DISCRIMINATION IN GRANTING ACCREDITATION
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are reports of discrimination in granting accreditation to the press persons;
- (b) if so, the details of complaints received in this regard and remedial measures taken by the Government thereon;
- (c) whether freelance press correspondents are proposed to be appointed/nominated in accreditation committee;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Press Information Bureau (PIB) grants accreditation to media representatives including correspondents at the Headquarters of the Government of India on the recommendation of Central Press Accreditation Committee (CPAC).

PIB receives complaints of discrimination in grant of accreditation to press persons and redresses such complaints from time to time. However, the details of pending complaints alongwith the action taken thereon, is given below,

S.No. Name of the complainant Action Taken

1. Shri Roshan Alung, Editor-cum- correspondent, Vyapar Samachar Sandesh in the year 2002. The CPAC again considered his case for accreditation in the year 2006 but decided to keep it pending as the matter was sub-judice. The CPAC did not find him fit for accreditation
2. Shri Shatakratu, correspondent, Vyapar Samachar Sandesh the decision in the court case in respect of Shri Roshan Alung is received. The CPAC decided to process the case only after
3. Shri Praveen Gupta The matter is being examined and the complainant has been requested to furnish certain documents.
4. Shri Manoj Karmyogi The CPAC did not find the case fit for accreditation.

(c) to (e): As per guidelines for constitution of CPAC, the CPAC is constituted by calling nominations from various recognized Associations/Unions of Journalists and of News Cameramen. These Associations/Unions may nominate freelance journalists or cameramen as a member of CPAC.

In the present CPAC, there are two freelance press cameramen as members.