

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

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STATUS OF ACCREDITED MEDIA PERSONS  
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

- (a) the status of accreditation granted to correspondents and other media persons of various news agencies by the Press Information Bureau (PIB) during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) criteria adopted for granting such status to them;
- (c) the number of freelance pressmen and other media persons granted such status during each of the last three years and the current year, category-wise; and
- (d) the number of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes/Minority journalists and other media persons accredited by PIB?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): Press Information Bureau (PIB) has initiated maintaining media wise break up of accredited journalists from the current year 2010. During this year (upto 18.11.2010), 286 media persons have been accredited with PIB on behalf of different news agencies (Wire Agency, Electronic Agency & Web Media). Apart from this, 315 freelance journalists have also been accredited with PIB. The detailed list indicating number of accredited journalists, media-wise in the year 2010, is as follows;

1. Print Media 814
  2. Electronic Media 498
  3. Web Media 08
  4. Wire Agency 207
  5. Freelance 315
  6. Electronic Agency 71
  7. Government media 241
- Total 2154

PIB did not maintain category-wise break up of media persons prior to the year 2010.

The eligibility condition for grant of accreditation to media persons is same for all types of media i.e. print, electronic or agencies. These guidelines are available at PIB's website `www.pib.nic.in` under the title `The Central Newsmedia Accreditation Guidelines.`

(d): PIB does not maintain caste-wise, gender-wise or religion-wise break up of number of journalists accredited with the Bureau.