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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 are being faced by the media persons in filling online applications for accreditation. However, some cases were reported where journalists did not have access to the computers or internet. Press Information Bureau (PIB) took immediate steps by setting up help desk, deploying personnel and equipment which helped such journalists to file their applications online.

(c) Accreditation is an on-going process and during the current year, 2728 online applications have been received upto 24.11.2010 from English and Indian language papers for renewal as well as for fresh accreditation.

(d) Time taken for grant of accreditation in respect of fresh cases depends upon submission of supporting documents and completion of formalities like recommendation by Central Press Accreditation Committee (CPAC) and Police verification. The total number of journalists who have been accorded accreditation by PIB during the last three years and the current year is as follows;

Year Number of Journalists

2007 1929

2008 2196

2009 2330

2010 (Upto 2154
24.11.2010)

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