

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

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

- (a) the present status of facilities/amenities being provided to media persons including Press Information Bureau (PIB) accredited media persons;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to extend/provide CGHS, LTC, Government accommodation, bus facilities in Delhi to all media persons including PIB accredited media persons;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the number of media persons including PIB accredited media persons likely to be benefited under this scheme and the time by which such facility is likely to be provided;
- (d) whether Government proposes to provide travel facilities in rail to accredited reporters; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING ((COL RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (Retd.))

(a) to (e): The journalists accredited at Government of India Headquarters are being provided various facilities, such as Railway Travel Concession, Government accommodation from Press Pool, Central Government Health Scheme {CGHS} facilities, access to Government office buildings to collect news. At present, there is no proposal under consideration to extend these facilities to all other media persons.

Besides, financial assistance is also provided from Journalists Welfare Scheme (JWS) to accredited journalists in extreme hardship. Non-accredited journalists are also eligible for financial assistance from JWS if they have been journalists as defined under the JWS guidelines for a minimum period of five continuous years.