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PRESS COUNCIL OF INDIA

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NOTICE

INVITING CLAIMS FOR NOTIFICATION FOR 15TH TERM

UNDER SECTION 5(4) READ WITH SECTION 5(3)(C) OF THE PRESS COUNCIL ACT, 1978

Dated: 17th May, 2026

Last date for Filing of Claims: 19th June, 2026

The 14th term of the Press Council of India came to an end on October 5, 2024. The Council in order to be reconstituted for its 15th term vide Advertisement Notice dated 09.06.2024 invited claims from eligible Associations of Persons for filing of claims under Section 5(3)(a), (b) and (c) of the Press Council Act, 1978.

However, in absence of any claim filed under Section 5(3)(c) of the Press Council Act, 1978 i.e. News Agencies, pursuant to the said advertisement, this notice is being re-advertised to complete the reconstitution process of the 15th term of the Council.

Therefore claims are invited for notification vide clause (c) of Section 5(3) read with proviso to Section 5 (4) of the Press Council Act, 1978 from the eligible Associations of Persons who manage news agencies or from individual News Agencies in the event of there being no Association of News Agencies. It may be noted that the Press and Registration of Periodicals Act, 2023 and the Press and Registration of Periodicals Rules, 2024, as also The Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code (OSH), 2020 which inter alia replaces the Working Journalists Act and Other Newspaper Employees (Conditions of Service) and Misc. Provisions Act, 1955 shall be referred to for definition(s) and other provisions or matters connected therewith or incidental thereto in the process of reconstitution of members of PCI.

Eligibility:

Claimant must fulfil the following:

- It must have been registered under the relevant laws for the time being in force for atleast six years prior to last date of filing of the claims;
- It must be conducting its business continuously thereafter, and shall submit documents in proof thereof, duly certified by the competent authority under such relevant laws;
- The Memorandum of Association (MoA)/Constitution/ MoU of such Association of Persons/ News Agency shall not restrict its membership to any particular religion, race, caste or language.
- Claims must strictly relate to the category U/s 5(3)(c) read with Section 5(4) and its proviso of Press Council Act, 1978.



The claims shall be filed in a sealed envelope superscribed "Claim for notification by Name of the Association/Agency" on the letter head of the Association/Agency carrying the registered address for correspondence, Email ID, contact numbers, and addressed to the CHAIRPERSON, PRESS COUNCIL OF INDIA, SOOCHNA BHAWAN, 8, CGO COMPLEX, LODHI ROAD, NEW DELHI-110003, so as to reach **on or before 5:00 PM of 19th June, 2026**

SUPPORTIVE DOCUMENTS

The claims should be accompanied by supportive documents showing that the Association/News Agency is eligible in terms of the Act and the Rules made thereunder to represent the category mentioned above and also to establish that it is qualified to represent the category under which it is staking its claim.

Following documents authenticated by Notary Public are to be filed:

- (a) A copy of the MoA/Constitution/MoU of the Association/ News Agency;
- (b) Copy of the Registration Certificate of the claimant body, with up to date renewal certificate wherever applicable;
- (c) Minutes of the annual General Body/Executive Committee / Board of Directors (in respect of News Agency) meetings for the last six years preceding the issuance of advertisement filed before the appropriate authority i.e. Registrar of Companies/Societies or such authorities under relevant laws under which the Associations of Persons who manage News Agencies /News Agency itself is registered to show their existence for at least six years prior to last date of filing of the claims;
- (d) Certificate of the Competent Authority under relevant law in the following format:

<i>Dated:</i>
Certificate
I _____ (Full Name) do hereby certify _____ (Name of the Association/News Agency) has been registered/incorporated under _____ (Name of the Act) on _____ (Date, Month & Year) and conducting its business continuously thereafter.
(Signature and Seal of the Competent Authority)

- (e) An up-to-date detailed list of representatives of news agencies who are members of the association (in case of claim filed by Association of Persons) or persons who manage news agency (in case of claim filed by News Agency itself) with complete particulars as set out below, in hard copy as well as soft copy in Pen Drive:
 - (1) SURNAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME
 - (2) RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS OF THE MEMBERS OF ASSOCIATION OF PERSONS WHO MANAGE NEWS AGENCIES (IN CASE OF CLAIM FILED BY ASSOCIATION OF PERSONS) OR PERSONS



WHO MANAGE THE NEWS AGENCY (IN CASE OF CLAIM FILED BY NEWS AGENCY ITSELF)

- (3) TITLE OF THE NEWS AGENCY OR NEWS AGENCIES BEING REPRESENTED ALONG WITH REGISTRATION NUMBER
 - (4) WHETHER MEMBER OF ANY OTHER PARALLEL ASSOCIATION (IF APPLICABLE)
 - (5) YEAR OF JOINING THE ASSOCIATION/ NEWS AGENCY AND
 - (6) MEMBERSHIP FEE UPTO DATE OR OUTSTANDING (IF APPLICABLE)
- (f) Up-do-date details of the news agencies concerned, regarding :
- (1) LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS OF EACH SUCH NEWS AGENCY
 - (2) OFFICE ADDRESS WITH NAME OF THE STATE AT WHICH EACH SUCH NEWS AGENCY (IN CASE OF CLAIM FILED BY ASSOCIATION OF PERSONS) OR NEWS AGENCY (IN CASE OF CLAIM FILED BY NEWS AGENCY ITSELF) ARE/IS CURRENTLY LOCATED
 - (3) NAME AND DESIGNATION OF PERSON HEADING EACH SUCH NEWS AGENCY

Desirable information-

- (4) WHETHER ANY JOURNALIST OF EACH SUCH NEWS AGENCY IS ACCREDITED WITH P.I.B. OR ANY STATE INFORMATION DEPARTMENT. IF YES, GIVE DETAILS.
- (5) CLASSIFICATION OF NEWS AGENCY AS CLASS I/II/III/IV TO BE SPECIFIED AS PER MAJITHIA WAGE BOARD, 2011

THE ASSOCIATION OF PERSONS WHO MANAGE NEWS AGENCIES / NEWS AGENCY ITSELF SHALL SPECIFY THE CATEGORY i.e. 5(3)(c) UNDER WHICH THEY ARE STAKING THEIR CLAIM.

The President/Secretary/Authorized Signatory of the Association/Agency shall make and subscribe to a declaration to be sworn before the Notary Public, verifying that he/she has been duly authorized by the Association of Persons who manage News Agencies / News Agency itself to file the claim and the facts stated in the claim application and the particulars attached thereto are true to the best of his/her knowledge and belief and information.

The claimant Association/ News Agency shall also subscribe to a declaration establishing that the claim of the said body is valid and free from all encumbrances/disputes/litigation. The Press Council may reject any claim if any such encumbrances are brought to its notice.

No claim made by any person other than a person duly authorized under the Constitution of the Association/ News Agency shall be entertained.

Any claim not in conformity with the above is liable to be rejected.

The Press Council of India will be within its right to call for such additional information or verify such information as might be considered necessary.

The Associations of Persons/ News Agency notified for the previous term of the Press Council (2021-2024) may also take note of this Notice and file fresh claim applications.



The list of the claimant Associations / News Agencies shall be published on the website of the Council on or before **22nd June, 2026**. Any person can file objection questioning the eligibility of claimant Associations/ News Agencies by **29th June, 2026** The claims shall be decided by the Scrutiny Committee thereafter.

No claim made after 5:00 PM of 19th June, 2026 will be entertained.



Secretary

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