

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5408  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.04.2022**

**NEW CENTRAL MEDIA ACCREDITATION GUIDELINES**

**5408. SHRI KUMBAKUDI SUDHAKARAN:**

**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposals suggesting that the new Central Media Accreditation Guidelines should be withdrawn;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has or proposed to hold public consultations on the new guidelines;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government intends to address ambiguities in the new guidelines such as the failure to define police verification; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING; AND  
MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS  
(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)**

**(a) to (b) The Government has received certain comments from Media bodies etc. on “The Central Media Accreditation Guidelines, 2022” dated 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2022.**

**(c) to (d) “The Central Media Accreditation Guidelines, 2022” were formulated after taking into consideration suggestions received by the Press Information Bureau (PIB) from various stakeholders including Members of the erstwhile Central Press Accreditation Committee, Media Associations, representatives of online media, etc.**

**(e) to (f) As per the procedure adopted for more than three decades,  
PIB accreditation is granted only after due Police Verification and  
concurrence of Ministry of Home Affairs.**

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