

LOK SABHA SECRETARIAT PRESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)

The Press Advisory Committee consisting of senior representatives of the Press having regular Press Gallery passes, is nominated by the Speaker, Lok Sabha every year. PPR Wing provides secretarial assistance to the Press Advisory Committee which generally comprises 27 members. The members nominated to the Committee are from amongst the representatives of the media accredited to the Lok Sabha Press Gallery. Four members of the Committee are nominated as the office bearers of the Committee, viz. Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Joint Secretary.

The broad functions of the Committee are:

- (i).** To recommend the issuance of permanent passes to the representatives of the Newspapers/News Agencies/other Media (accredited to the Lok Sabha Press Gallery) intending to report the proceedings of the House from the Gallery.
- (ii).** To recommend the issuance of temporary passes to the representatives of the Newspapers/News Agencies/other Media intending to cover the proceedings of the House from the Gallery.
- (iii).** To examine the complaints made against the representatives of the Newspapers/News Agencies/ other Media and to recommend to the Speaker, Lok Sabha for appropriate action.
- (iv).** To examine the complaints relating to Media made to the Speaker, Lok Sabha for appropriate action.
- (v).** To recommend to the Speaker, Lok Sabha the kind of facilities that may be given to journalists to discharge their duties; and
- (vi).** To perform such other tasks which are in line with the duties entrusted to them.

The Committee meets at least once during the period of a Session. *One-fourth* of the total membership forms the quorum for the above meeting of the Committee. The meetings of the Press Advisory Committee are generally convened on the directions of the Chairman/Secretary. The minutes of a meeting are ratified at the next meeting of the Committee. Thereafter, follow up action is taken on the recommendations/suggestions of the Committee.

Following are the Office-bearers and Members of the Press Advisory Committee 2016-17 :

PRESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2016-17

CHAIRPERSON

1. Shri D.P. Kamat (Long & Distinguished Service)

VICE-CHAIRPERSON

2. Shri Neeraj Bajpai (*UNI*)

SECRETARY

3. Ms. Sangita Tewari (*ABP News*)

JOINT SECRETARY

4. Shri Amitabh Sinha (*TV-18*)

MEMBERS

5. Shri Amitabh Roychowdhury (*PTI*)
6. Shri Sachin Budhaliya (*Univarta*)
7. Shri Ravindra Kumar (*Zee-TV*)
8. Shri Srinjoy Chowdhury (*Times Now*)
9. Shri Sekhar Dey (*Dainik Jugasankha*)
10. Shri Ajay Buwa (*Sakaal*)
11. Shri Saubhadra Chatterjee (*The Hindustan Times*)
12. Shri J. Gopikrishnan (*The Pioneer*)
13. Shri Sanjay K. Jha (*The Telegraph*)
14. Shri P. L. Uniyal (*Dainik Kashmir Times*)
15. Shri Rajiv Deshpande (*Times of India*)
16. Ms. Manjari Chaturvedi (*Navbharat Times*)
17. Shri G. Krishna Mohan Rao (*Eenadu*)
18. Shri Bharani Dharan (*Dinamani*)
19. Shri Baren Sarkar (*Ganashakti*)
20. Shri Pramod Mujumdar (*Janabhoomi*)
21. Shri Prashant M. Nair (*Deshabhimani*)
22. Shri Imteyaz Uddin (*Siashi Ufuque*)
23. Shri Deepak Ranjan (*PTI Bhasha*)
24. Ms. Pallavi Ghosh (*TV18*)
25. Shri Sanjay Mishra (*Dainik Jagran*)
26. Shri R. N. Shrivastava (*Hindustan*)
27. Shri Anil Bansal (*Jansatta*)
28. Shri Amit Mishra (*Dainik Bhaskar*)
29. Shri Rakesh Shukla (*Navabharat*)