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HARYANA VIDHAN SABHA SECRETARIAT

Notification

The 19th February, 2026

RULES REGULATING, ADMISSION OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NEWSPAPERS, NEWS AGENCIES AND OTHER MEDIA TO PRESS GALLERY (AMENDMENT) RULES, 2026

No. Media/PAC/05/84.— In exercise of the powers conferred by Rule 113 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Haryana Legislative Assembly, the Speaker, Haryana Vidhan Sabha hereby makes/amends the “Rules Regulating Admission of Representatives of the Newspapers, News Agencies and Other Media to the Press Gallery of the Haryana Vidhan Sabha” as follows:

1. These rules may be called the “Rules Regulating Admission of Representatives of the Newspapers, News Agencies and Other Media to the Press Gallery (Amendment) Rules, 2026”.
Note: *It is clarified that the term “Other Media” shall be construed as Electronic Media operating through satellite-based television channels and other Media only accredited/authorized by DIPR, Haryana.*
2. There shall be a Media Advisory Committee to be constituted by the Speaker, Haryana Vidhan Sabha.
3. The Media Advisory Committee shall consist of nine members including Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary and the tenure of the Committee shall be up to 31st March.
4. A Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary of the Media Advisory Committee shall be elected by all the members of the Press Gallery of Haryana Vidhan Sabha having regular/permanent Press Gallery Cards every year from amongst themselves.
5. The Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary to elect/propose 12 members from amongst the regular/permanent Press Gallery Cards holders for the Press Gallery of Haryana Vidhan Sabha to the Speaker.
6. The Speaker, out of the 12 members recommended/elected/proposed by the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary, to nominate six members to the Media Advisory Committee.
7. Keeping in view of the fair representation, the Speaker under his discretion may nominate upto 3 members as the Special Invitee on the Media Advisory Committee.
8. The election shall be conducted by the Secretary, Haryana Vidhan Sabha.

9. The functions of the Media Advisory Committee shall be as under:
 - (a) To recommend the issuance of temporary passes to representatives of Newspapers/ News Agencies/Other Media intending to cover the proceedings of the House from the Gallery.
 - (b) To perform such other tasks which are in line with the duties entrusted to them.
 - (c) To advise the Speaker regarding the seating arrangement in the Press Gallery.
10. The Committee may hold two meetings in a year.
11. The meeting of the Committee may be convened by the Secretary of the Committee as and when it is found necessary at the instance of the Chairperson or at his own instance, after consulting the Chairperson. No T.A./D.A. shall be paid for such meetings.
12. The lists of Daily Newspapers/News Agencies/Other Media published from Haryana, Punjab, Delhi and Union Territory of Chandigarh will be obtained from DPR Haryana and the same will be placed before the Speaker for allotment of permanent seats to the Newspapers/News Agencies/ Other Media keeping in view the seating capacity in the Press Gallery as and when it is considered necessary.
13. The quorum to constitute a meeting of the Committee shall be one-third of the total number of members.
14. After allotment of permanent seats to the Newspapers/ News Agencies/ Other Media, the Editors/Managers/Bureau Chiefs of these Newspapers/ News Agencies/ Other Media may be asked to recommend in prescribed forms the names of their Journalists/Representatives, who are working journalists, as defined in the Working Journalists (Conditions of Services and Miscellaneous Provision) Act, 1955, who have 3 years of experience of coverage of Parliament/Vidhan Sabha proceedings, for issuance of regular/permanent pass of the Press Gallery of Haryana Vidhan Sabha.
15. After the receipt of such recommendations, the names of such Journalists/Representatives will again be got approved from the Speaker for issuing the Permanent Cards and the cards may be signed by any officer authorized in this behalf. If subsequently any Editor/Manager/Bureau Chief changes the name of the Correspondent/Representative for the said purpose, the same will also be got approved from the Speaker. The period for Permanent card shall be for one year but will be renewed for the next year on the request from the concerned Editor/Manager/Bureau Chief and by getting approval from the Speaker.
16. Temporary Press Gallery cards may be issued by the Secretary under orders of the Speaker on the recommendation in writing by the Chairperson or in his absence the Vice Chairperson/Secretary of the Media Advisory Committee on the request of the Editor/Manager of the Newspaper/News Agency/Other Media for a period not exceeding the duration of a Session of the Vidhan Sabha, to Journalists of such Newspapers/News Agencies/Other Media which do not have permanent seat in the Press Gallery. The cards may be signed by any officer authorized in this behalf. Two temporary passes will be issued to DPR office.
17. All Press cards shall be shown to the Watch and Ward Assistant at the gate of the Press Gallery when required to do so.
18. Representatives of the Newspapers/News Agencies/Other Media are allowed to carry newspapers and books of reference into the Press Gallery provided they do not take in bulky articles.
19. Representatives of Newspapers/News Agencies/Other Media are not permitted to take notes from any other Gallery except the Press Gallery. Making of sketches and taking of photographs from the Gallery are not permitted.
20. The Speaker may, in his discretion, cancel a Card for admission to the Press Gallery. Any misrepresentation of the proceedings of Vidhan Sabha, advance publication of questions and answers, etc., and publication of any matter which is not intended for the public may inter alia be considered sufficient ground for cancellation of a card.
21. Representatives of the Newspapers/News Agencies/Other Media shall not be permitted to take mobile phones, sticks, umbrellas, attaché cases and hand-bags with them into the Gallery.
22. The Speaker, whenever he thinks fit, may order the withdrawal of Representatives of the Newspapers/News Agencies/ Other Media from any part of the House.
23. When the order is given to clear the Galleries, the Watch and Ward Staff responsible will ensure that Representatives of the Newspapers/ News Agencies/Other Media immediately obey the orders. As soon as the

Galleries are cleared, the door will be locked by the Watch and Ward Officer/ Media and Communication Officer.

24. In the event of any demonstration or disturbance on the part of any Press Representative in the Gallery, the Watch and Ward Assistant on duty will take the name of the Press Representative thus misconducting himself or herself, and if necessary, arrange for his or her removal from the Gallery. In either case, the Speaker through the Secretary, will at once be apprised of the action taken.
25. The Watch and Ward Officer/Media and Communication Officer shall remove, or cause to be removed, any Representative of the Newspapers/News Agencies/Other Media from any part of the House or of the Galleries appropriated to the members only, and also any Representative of the Newspaper/News Agency/Other Media who, having been admitted into any other part of the House or of the Galleries, shall misconduct himself/herself or shall not withdraw when directed to do so.
26. No Representative of any Newspaper/News Agency/Other Media shall be admitted to the Gallery when the House meets in Secret Session.
27. No Representative of any Newspaper/News Agency/Other Media whose name is included in the list of those who are excluded from the precincts will be admitted to the Gallery.
28. The Speaker may, in his discretion, at any time, suspend any of these rules in the case of any particular meeting or meetings and substitute thereof any special rules which he may deem fit.
29. Admission Cards are not transferable and they shall in no circumstances be passed on to unauthorized persons. They are issued subject to the holder observing the conditions endorsed thereon.
30. The Press Gallery is meant only for the bona fide card holders both permanent/temporary.
31. Any matter not provided for in these rules shall be regulated by the Speaker in his discretion.

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APPENDIX-A
RECOMMENDATION BY THE EDITOR/MANAGER OF THE NEWSPAPERS /NEWS AGENCIES /
OTHER MEDIA FOR ALLOTMENT OF A PERMANENT SEAT IN THE PRESS GALLERY OF
HARYANA VIDHAN SABHA.

1. Name of the Journalist: _____
2. Designation : _____
3. Date of Birth: _____
4. Media Organization Represented: _____
5. Whether belongs to: ☐ Print Media ☐ Other Media
6. Area of functioning : _____
7. Whether he/she is a working Journalist, as defined in the Working Journalists (Conditions of Service and Miscellaneous Provision) Act, 1955: _____
8. Whether he/she is being paid under Wages Board Act : _____
9. The Pay Scale and Allowances being paid (please attach latest pay slip): _____
10. Provident Fund No. _____
11. Office Address : _____
12. Contact Number : Mobile _____
Landline _____
13. E-Mail ID: _____
14. Whether he/she has covered the proceedings of Parliament/ State Legislature for at least three years. If so, please mention the period clearly. _____

Date :
Place:

Signature and Name with Seal of Editor/Managing
Editor/Editor-in-Chief/ Chief of Bureau of News
Agency/News Coordinator of Other Media

Note: It may please be kept in view that only one seat will be allotted to the Representative of a particular Newspaper / News Agency / Other Media.

By Order of the Hon'ble Speaker

CHANDIGARH:
THE 18TH FEBRUARY, 2026.

RAJIV PRASAD
SECRETARY
HARYANA VIDHAN SABHA