

Press Council Act, 1978

Chapter 4 - CHAPTER 4 : MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 23 : Protection of action taken in good faith(1) No suit or other legal proceeding shall lie against the Council or any member thereof or any person acting under the direction of the Council in respect of anything which is in good faith done or intended to be done under this Act.(2) No suit or other legal proceeding shall lie against any newspaper in respect of the publication of any matter therein under the authority of the Council.

SECTION 24 : Members, etc. to be public servantsEvery member of the Council and every officer or other employee appointed by the Council shall be deemed to be a public servant within the meaning of (S.21 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860) .

SECTION 25 : Power to make rules(1) The Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, make rules to carry out the purposes of this Act : Provided that when the Council has been established, no such rules shall be made without consulting the Council.(2) In particular, and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such rules may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely :-(a) the procedure for nomination of members of the Council under clauses (a), (b) and (c) of sub-section (3) of (Section 5);(b) the manner in which panel of names may be invited under sub-section (4) of (Section 5) ;(c) the procedure for election of a member of the Committee referred to in sub-section (2) of (Section 5) under sub-section (6) of that section;(d) the allowances or fees to be paid to the members of the Council for attending the meetings of the Council, and other conditions of service of such members under sub-sections (1) and (2) of (Section 7) ;(e) the appointment of the Secretary and other employees of the Council under (Section 11) ;(f)the matters referred to in clause (f) of sub-section (1) of (Section 15) ;(g) the rates at which fees may be levied by the Council under (Section 16)and the manner in which such fees may be levied;(h) the form in which, and the time within which, the budget and annual report are to be prepared by the Council under (section 19)and (Section 20)respectively;(i) the manner in which the accounts of the Council are to be maintained and audited under (Section 22).(3) Every rule made under this section shall be laid, as soon as may be after it is made, before each House of Parliament, while it is in session, for a total period of thirty days which may be comprised in one session or in two or more successive sessions, and if, before the expiry of the session immediately following the session or the successive sessions aforesaid both Houses agree in making any modification in the rule or both Houses agree that the rule should not be made, the rule shall thereafter have effect only in such modified form or be of no effect, as the case may be; so, however, that any such modification or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done under that rule.

SECTION 26 : Power to make regulations3 (1) 1.Section 26 has been renumbered as sub-section (1) thereof by Act 20 of 1983, Sec. 2 and Sch. (w.e.f. 15-3-1984).[(1)] That Council may 3 (2) 2.Ins. by Act 20 of 1983, Sec. 2 and Sch. (w.e.f. 15-3-1964).[, by notification in the Official Gazette,] make regulations not inconsistent with this Act thereof and the rules made thereunder, for-(a) regulating the meetings of the Council or any committee thereof and the procedure for conducting the business thereat under (Section 9);(b) specifying the terms and conditions of service of the employees, appointed by the Council, under sub-section (2) of (Section 11);(c) regulating the manner of holding any inquiry under this Act;(d) delegating to the Chairman or the Secretary of the Council, subject to such conditions as it may think fit to impose, any of its powers under sub-section (3) of (Section 18);(e) any other matter for which provision may be made by regulations under this Act: Provided that the regulations made under clause (b) shall be made only with the prior approval of the Central Government.3 (1) 1.Section 26 has been renumbered as sub-section (1) thereof by Act 20 of 1983, Sec. 2 and Sch. (w.e.f. 15-3-1984).[(2) The Central Government shall cause every regulation made under this Act to be laid, as soon as may be after it is made, before each House of Parliament, while it is in session, for a total period of thirty days which may be comprised in one session or in two or more successive sessions, and if, before the expiry of the session immediately following the session or the successive sessions aforesaid, both Houses agree in making any modification in the regulation or both Houses agree that the regulations should not be made, the regulation shall thereafter have effect only in such modified form or be of no effect, as the

case may be; so, however, that any such modification or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done under that regulation].SECTION 27 : Amendment of Act 25 of 1867[Rep. by Act 19 of 1988, Sec. 2, Sch. 1]. NOTIFICATION NO. G.S.R. 633 (E), DATED 5TH AUGUST, 1994 In pursuance of sub-section (4) of (Section 5) of the Act, the Press Council of India has notified vide G.S.R. 633 (E), dated 5th August, 1994 the following associations of persons of the categories referred to in clause (a) and clause (b) and news agencies for the purpose of clause (c) of sub-section (3) of that section, namely :-
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