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Chairman: Mr. Justice G.N. Ray

## Editors of Indian Languages Newspapers (Clause (a) of Sub-Section (3) of Section 5)

NAME	ORGANIZATION	NOMINATED BY	NEWSPAPER
Shri K S Sachidananda Murthy	Editors Guild of India, All India Newspaper Editors' Conference, Hindi Samachar Patra Sammelan		Malayala Manorama Kerala
Shri Kundan R. Vyas	Editors Guild of India, All India Newspaper Editors' Conference, Hindi Samachar Patra Sammelan		Janmbhoomi Gujarat
Shri Jagjit Singh Dardi	Editors Guild of India, All India Newspaper Editors' Conference, Hindi Samachar Patra Sammelan		Chardikala, Punjab
Shri Uttam Chandra Sharma	Editors Guild of India, All India Newspaper Editors' Conference, Hindi Samachar Patra Sammelan		Muzzafarnagar Bulletin, Uttar Pradesh
Shri Rajeeva Kumar Arora	Editors Guild of India, All India Newspaper Editors' Conference, Hindi Samachar Patra Sammelan		Gandiva Uttar Pradesh

## Editors of English Newspapers (Clause (a) of Sub-Section (3) of Section 5)

Shri Hiranmay Karlekar	Editors Guild of India, All India Newspaper Editors' Conference, Hindi Samachar Patra Sammelan		The Pioneer New Delhi
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## Working Journalists other than Editors (Clause (a) of Sub-Section (3) of Section 5)

Shri K Sreenivas Reddy	Indian Journalists Union, Press Association, Working News Cameramen's Association		Visalaandhra, Andhra Pradesh
Shri Geetarth Pathak	Indian Journalists Union, Press Association, Working News Cameramen's Association		Asam Bani, Assam
Shri Anant Bagaitkar	Indian Journalists Union, Press Association, Working News Cameramen's Association		Sakal, Maharashtra
Shri Joginder Chawla	Indian Journalists Union, Press Association, Working News Cameramen's Association		Freelancer
Shri Devendra Chintan	Indian Journalists Union, Press Association, Working News Cameramen's Association		Indian Press Agency
Shri Vinay Kumar	Indian Journalists Union, Press Association, Working News Cameramen's Association		The Hindu, New Delhi

**NAME****ORGANIZATION/NOMINATED BY****NEWSPAPER**

Shri S.N. Sinha	Indian Journalists Union, Press Association, Working News Cameramen's Association	The Hindustan Times New Delhi
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**Owners & Managers of Big, Medium and Small Newspapers (Clause (b) of Sub-Section (3) of Section 5)**

Shri Abhay Chhajlani	Indian Newspapers Society, Indian Languages Newspapers Association	Nai Dunia, Madhya Pradesh
Shri Hormusji Nusserwanji Cama	Indian Newspapers Society, Indian Languages Newspapers Association	Bombay Samachar, Maharashtra
Shri Vijay Kumar Chopra	Indian Newspapers Society, Indian Languages Newspapers Association	Hind Samachar, Punjab
Shri Pratap T. Shah	Indian Newspapers Society, Indian Languages Newspapers Association	Saurashtra Samachar, Gujarat
Shri Ramesh Gupta	Indian Newspapers Society, Indian Languages Newspapers Association, Association of Small Newspapers of India	Tej Weekly, New Delhi
Shri Keshav Dutt Chandola	Indian Newspapers Society, Indian Languages Newspapers Association, Association of Small Newspapers of India	Nagraj Darpan, Uttar Pradesh

**Managers of News Agencies (Clause (c) of Sub-Section (3) of Section 5)**

Shri M. K. Laul	United News of India
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**Nominees of University Grants Commission, Sahitya Academy and Bar Council of India (Clause (d) of Sub-Section (3) of Section 5)**

Shri Partap Pawar	University Grants Commission
Shri K.K. Thomas	Bar Council of India
Dr. Lalit Mangotra	Sahitya Academy

**Members of Parliament Nominated by Speaker, Lok Sabha and Chairman, Rajya Sabha (Clause (e) of Sub-Section (3) of Section 5)**

*Shri Pawan Kumar Bansal	(Lok Sabha)
Dr. Sebastian Paul	(Lok Sabha)
Shri Laxman Singh	(Lok Sabha)
Shri Balbir K. Punj	(Rajya Sabha)
Dr. Prabha Thakur	(Rajya Sabha)

**Secretary : Smt. Vibha Bhargava**

\*Ceased to be member of the Council w.e.f. February 7, 2006 upon induction in Union Cabinet

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# Foreword

I am very happy to lay before the Parliament and other readers, the Annual Report of the Council for the year ending March 31, 2006. This Annual Report primarily contains the summary of the Council's activities in the previous year, an account of the state of the Press in this country and also of the Press abroad, and a statement of the audited accounts. The report is tabled in the Parliament as required by the statute.

The present report gives an account of the complaints received from and against the press and the number of complaints adjudicated during the year, of the number of meetings held by the Inquiry Committee and the Council and of its other Committees. It also gives, as usual an account of the state of the Press in the country as well as in the world, and refers to some important development in the Press during the year. In addition, the work done by the Appellate Board constituted under the Press and Registration of Books Act, is also mentioned. The Seminars and Conference held by the Council on different media-related subjects, find a reference in it.

An attempt has been made to cover all the activities of the Council as far as possible keeping in mind the need to make the report as brief as possible. It may be, mentioned here that to promote the concept of justice at doorstep to suit the convenience of the parties as well as to acquaint the press and the people with the work of the Council, the Council has been holding its meetings as well as the meetings of its Inquiry Committees at various places in the country. These meetings have created a wide awareness among the people of the powers and functions of the Council. This has in turn led to the increase in the number of persons choosing the form of the Press Council over the legal procedure in the adjudicatory process. The Council is poised to make strides in future in discharging the functions entrusted to it. If the Parliament makes the relevant amendments to the Press Council Act and the Rules under it, as suggested by the Council to strengthen it and to enable it to discharge its function more efficiently and effectively, the Council is bound to emerge as an institution of reckoning to promote ethical conduct in the life of the society.

The report is placed in the hands of the people with the hope that it will prove of interest to the readers and provide them the requisite information about the working of the Council.

New Delhi  
March 31, 2006

G.N. Ray  
**Chairman**  
**Press Council of India**