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PRESS COUNCIL OF INDIA

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Chapter 2 establishment of the press council under section (4-12)

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**Object :-**An act established a Press Council for the purpose of preserving the freedom of the press and of maintaining and improving the standard of newspaper and news agencies in india. **Important definition:-** under section 2 .

**a chairman** means the chairman of Council.

**b council** means the Press Council of India established under section 4

**BASIC CONCEPT :** the basic concept of self regulation in which the Press Council and similar media bodies world over are founded was articulated by Mahatma Gandhi who was n eminent journalist ine is on right it does the soul into journalist should be service. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru while defending press freedom warning of the danger it's irresponsible exercise entail stressed.

The first press commission 1954 came across in same section of the press instance of yellow journalism of one type or another

The Press Council of India was first constituted on 4th July 1966 as an autonomous Statutory Quasi judicial body.

The Press Council act 1965 list the following functions as the Council in fatherance of its objects:

- \* To help newspaper to maintain their independence.
- \* To encourage the growth of a sense of responsible and public service among are those engaged in the profession of journalism
- \* To build up a code of conduct for newspaper and journalist in accordance with high professional standards.
- \* To promote technical or other researches.

the council set up under the act of 1965 function till December 1975 during the internal emergency the act was repealed and the Council abolished w.e.f. 1/1/1976.

**Press Council of 1979**

**chapter 2** the establishment of the Press Council.

**Under section 4 the incorporation of the Council**

1 with effect from such date as the central Government maybe notification in the official gudget appoint there shall be established a Council by the name of the Press Council of India

2 decided Council shall be a body corporate having perpetual succession and a common seal and shall by the said name sue and be sued

**Under section 5 composition of the Council.**

The council cell consists of a chairman and 28 other member.

the chairman selfie a person nominated by a committee consisting of the chairman of the Council of states rajyasabha the speaker of the house of the people Loksabha and a person elected by the members of the Council.

Thirteen shall be nominated in accordance with such procedure as may be prescribed from

among the working journalist other than editors.

Six shall be nominated in accordance with such procedure as may be prescribed from among persons who on fore carry on the business as management of newspaper.

One shall nominated in accordance with such procedure as may be prescribed from among persons who manage news agencies.

Three shall busy person having special knowledge for practice experience in respect of education and science and law

five shall be the members of parliament of three shall be nominated by the speaker from among the members of lok sabha and two shall be nominated by the chairman of the rajya sabha from among its members

it means 1 chairman +[ 13 members + 6 member + 1 +3+5 memb ] = total 28 members

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