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Topic Name - Power and Function of The Council under section (13 -22)

Presently, the function of the Council is governed under the press Council act 1978, it is a state statutory Quasi judicial body. Which act as the watchdog off the press. It adjudicates the complaints against and by the press for violation of ethics and for violation of the freedom of the press respectively.

It is headed by the chairman, who should be a retired just of the supreme court of India. The Council has constituted twenty eight members.

Objectives and functions of The council under section 13

<u>Object</u>- The object of the Council shall be to present the freedom of the press and to maintain and improve the standards of newspaper and news agencies in India.

Functions of the press Council-

- it helps the newspaper to maintain the independence
- it builds a code of conduct for the newspaper in accordance with the high professional standards.
- It work to promote technical and other research area related to the news.
- It helps provide paper training to new journalist
- it help to spread the news all over India
- It promotes the supply of newspaper from one place to another and on time.
- it help to promote the paper function of production for publication of the newspaper in a proper manner.
- It help to keep a review of on all the functioning, the production and processing of the newspaper.
- It Ensure that maintenance of the test of the people should be kept in mind and see over both the rights and responsibility of the citizenship.

General power of the council under section 15 -for the purpose of performing its function for holding any enquiry under this

act, The council shall have the same power throughout India as are vested in a civil court.

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While trying a suit under the code of civil procedure 1908 in respect of the following matters namely.

- summering and enforcing attendance of persons.
- requiring the discovery and inspection of discounts.
- Receiving evidence and affidavits.
- Required and public record or copies.
- Issuing commissions.
- any other matter, which may be prescribed

under section 14 power to censure -

- (1) They have the power to censure any rule which generally violets the journalist, ethics and the public teste.
- (2) They can hold any enquiry against any editor of the general if they found that any misconduct has been taken place with regard to any matter to the press.

The preceding should d taken place with regard to the judicial hearing under section 193 and 228 of the I.P.C.

<u>Meeting session</u>- for the meeting of the press a notice should be issued to every member as the counsel at least 21 days before the meeting being taken place.

- <u>Conclusion</u>- In conclusion the press plays a very important role in today. The news given by different newspapers should be correct as all the citizen of India.
- Press Council of India is important to stop the misconduct which take place among the press. By the passing of the act the situation of press has improved a lot. journalist are scared before publishing any fake news as this can affect their career as well as their licence can also get cancelled. There are many e competitions which are being taken place among different newspaper.