

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

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**CWP-9519-2021 (O&M)
Date of decision: 27.09.2022**

OM PRAKASH RAY

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

DIRECTOR GENERAL, INFORMATION, PUBLIC RELATIONS
AND LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT HARYANA AND ANOTHER

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present:- Mr. Deepkaran Dalal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Vivek Chauhan, Asstt. A.G. Haryana.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

CM-15286-CWP-2022

The present application has been filed under Section 151 of the Civil Procedure Code seeking permission for placing on record additional documents as Annexure P-18.

Application is allowed as prayed for and additional documents are taken on record as Annexure P-18.

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The present petition had been filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of writ in the nature of Mandamus directing the respondents to grant accreditation to the petitioner in accordance with the Haryana Media Accreditation (Amendment) Rules, 2017 (Annexure P-1).

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submits that the petitioner is a law Graduate and is a qualified journalist having worked in such capacities with several media houses since the year 2010. The petitioner has been an accrediting journalist in the past and an identity card had been duly issued by the Department of Public Relations, Government of Punjab. He submits that the petitioner has been working as Bureau Chief of 'Dainik Jai Hind Janab' Newspaper since 01.12.2020, that is published in Noida having circulation of more than 40,000 copies. He has referred to the communication (Annexure P-16) from the Director General Information, Public Relations and Languages Department whereby it had been conveyed that the Press accreditation of the media persons including the petitioner has been cancelled and they have been asked to return the Secretariat entry cards. However, the same have not been returned.

Learned State counsel has handed over today a communication bearing endorsement No.IPRDH (Press) 2022/3340 dated 22.09.2022 whereby the Executive Committee of Haryana Media Accreditation Committee has rejected the case of the newspaper of the petitioner for the purposes of grant of accreditation. A copy of the aforesaid communication has already been handed over to the counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner.

In light of the above said communication, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner seeks permission to withdraw the present petition with liberty to raise an appropriate challenge to the aforesaid decision of the Executive Committee as per the applicable rules. He however contends that he is being denied complete entry to

the premises-Haryana Civil Secretariat even though the said building is a public building and the petitioner is entitled to visit the said Secretariat as a visitor.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the State, however, contends that every person is entitled entry into the Secretariat building as per the applicable rules and that there is no impediment in case the petitioner approaches the concerned authority as per rules for seeking an entry.

Petition is according disposed of with liberty as aforesaid.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

SEPTEMBER 27, 2022

Vishal sharma

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No