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EMPANELMENT OF PRASAR BHARATI CORRESPONDENT
(to be stationed in DMV Area)

The Embassy of India, Washington DC on behalf of Prasar Bharati, invites applications from journalists for empanelment as Prasar Bharati Correspondent. Scope of Work, Eligibility Criteria, Equipment Requirement and other details are given as under:

SCOPE OF WORK

The scope of work for the empaneled Correspondent will broadly include the following news content to be produced by him/her from the field as per the requirements of DD India and DD News. The inputs will be filed once approved by the editorial head of the concerned DD Channel.

- a. **Packaged news reports (PACKAGES)** - Minimum 2 minutes per unit-Edited, ready to play packages with bytes from the ground. Request can be made by DD News for such reports on different issues. In addition to this, the Correspondent can also provide suggested list of reports that can be covered, subject to approval.
- b. **Recorded inputs (AS LIVES)** -Up to 5 min per unit - by Correspondent on important stories from the location, which can be used in bulletins and programmes.
- c. **Visuals/Shots/Bytes/tic-tac or combination of these** - Up to 5 minutes per unit - Visuals/shots/bytes from the ground of an important event.
- d. **News Story**- Up to 5 minutes per unit- Text with Visuals/bytes
- e. **Live news reports (LIVES)** -Up to 10 minutes per unit - in the form of customized live inputs from Correspondent during daily bulletins/programs on the issues of the day from around the globe.

f. **Guest interviews/ Interviews of important personalities**-Minimum 20 minutes- Either live or pre-recorded with global news makers and other guests as per requirements and in accordance with the editorial line of Doordarshan.

ii) These inputs should be available for multiple usage across different bulletins, including digital and social media platforms. These recordings can also be utilised by Prasar Bharati on digital and social media platforms, and any other channel of Doordarshan and Akashvani.

iii) The Director (Assignment) at DD News Headquarters, or any other authorized officer from DD News or DD India channels, will determine which events the Foreign Correspondent is to cover, classify the coverage category, and assign the coverage to the Correspondent in the US.

iv) Besides executing the assigned coverage, the correspondent should make efforts to alert the DD Channels on major news fall or breaking news, or stories of human interest and file the stories in consultation with the concerned officers at the Channels.

v) The content filed by the empaneled Correspondent would be exclusively for Prasar Bharati Network, and such content shall not be shared with or provided to other channels originating within India.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- a. Minimum 2 years of experience in broadcast journalism
- b. Fluency in English- bilingual would be preferred with knowledge of Hindi
- c. Proficiency as a cameraperson.

EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENT:

The Correspondent should be equipped with new-age technology camera equipment required for news gathering purpose like Nikon D7500, Canon EOS R7, Sony Alfa 7 etc. and also MoJo kits with latest smart phones.

PER ASSIGNMENT FEE:

The empaneled correspondent will be paid fee on 'per assignment basis' in different slabs for different types of content, based on the Telecast / Utility certificate issued by the authorized officers at DD News/ PB Headquarters at the end of the month. The indicative fee rates in USD, category-wise per unit for different types of news content produced and filed by the Correspondent, are given as under:

S. No.	News Content	In USD
1.	Packaged news reports (PACKAGES)	500

2.	Live News Reports	250
3.	Visuals/Shots/Tictak/Bytes & combination	250
4.	Recorded inputs (as LIVE)	200
5.	News Stories	250
6.	Guest Interviews	500

Prasar Bharati Correspondent will receive a monthly service fee of USD 1,000/-

*The above fee rates are indicative and will be finalized by the Selection Committee taking into account the prevailing market rates in the country.

* In certain situations where correspondent would be required to travel beyond his/her base station, actual travel expenses will be reimbursed as per extant norms of the Indian Embassy.

* No separate payment will be made to correspondent for filing stories to the PB SHABD portal/Akashvani in addition to DD Channels. A single payment will be issued based on the assignment given, regardless of the usage of the stories on multiple platforms of Prasar Bharati.

REMOVAL OF PB CORRESPONDENTS:

Empaneled Correspondent can be removed from the Panel on any of the following grounds:

- a. When the Correspondent refuses to cover the assigned coverage on more than 2 occasions in a month.
- b. Frequent delays in providing the coverages due to not reaching the venue on time or delay in sending the report.
- c. No coverage/story pitched was filed by the Correspondent continuously for a period of one month.
- d. If the quality of coverage is not fit for telecast due to poor quality of content or technical standard.
- e. Any act on part of the Correspondent that causes embarrassment to Prasar Bharati/ Indian Embassy or any serious ethical violations, legal issues or breach of contract terms.
- f. Approval of DG (News), DDN is mandatory for premature removal of the correspondent and decision will be final and binding.

TERMINATION OF CONTRACT:

The empanelment of the Correspondent can be terminated as follows:

- i. **By Embassy of India:** Indian Embassy on behalf of Prasar Bharati reserves the right to terminate this agreement at any time with one calendar month's notice without assigning any reason, after the approval of DG; DD News. The notice herein provided by the Indian Embassy would be deemed to have been served on the Correspondent if the same is delivered to him / her personally or sent to him/her by registered post or left at his/her known residential address or is sent by email.
- ii. **By the Correspondent** by giving one calendar month's notice in writing.

TENURE OF THE PANEL:

The Tenure of the Panel of Correspondent will be for a period of one year, extendable by one more year, based on their annual performance review by the designated officers in DD News.

GOVERNING LAW:

The Agreement executed between the selected candidate and the head of the Embassy of India shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of India. In the matter relating to any dispute relating to the agreement the decision of the concerned embassy will be final and binding regarding empanelment and all its related terms and conditions. Nothing contained in this agreement may be read in contravention with, or curtail, the provisions of domestic/local laws.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY:

In no event shall either party be liable hereunder to the other party for any punitive, indirect, special, incidental or consequential damages, however caused and under any theory, even if it has notice of the possibility of such damages.

Interested applicant may send their CV, Equipment details etc. by Email at fspic.washington@mea.gov.in; attpress.washington@mea.gov.in.

Last Date for Submission of - Monday, 04 November 2024