

High Commission of India  
Wellington

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**Empanelment of Prasar Bharati Foreign Correspondents in the  
High Commission of India, Wellington**

High Commission of India invites applications from resident individuals (preferably persons of Indian origin) for empanelment as Prasar Bharti Foreign Correspondent in Wellington. The eligibility criteria, scope of the work, service fees and the selection process are given hereunder:

**1. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

- a. Person of Indian Origin (preferable)
- b. Maximum age of 50 years
- c. A degree or diploma in Journalism or an equivalent qualification from a recognized institution in India or the respective country.
- d. Minimum 5 years of experience in broadcast journalism
- e. Fluency in English- bilingual would be preferred with knowledge of Hindi
- f. Proficiency as a cameraperson.

**2. ENGAGEMENT:**

The Prasar Bharati Foreign Correspondents will provide their services to the following DD Channels, Akashvani and PB News Sharing Portal, as per requirements:

**DD India Channel** - DD India is the free to air satellite English international news channel of Prasar Bharati. DD India caters to diverse viewers from across the World including the Indian Diaspora. The stories by Correspondents will be telecast in news bulletins and programs on DD India, as well as its digital editions.

**DD News Channel**- DD News is the Hindi news channel of the public service broadcaster. The Correspondent could also be asked to send stories for telecast on this channel wherever possible, as well as its digital editions.

**AKASHVANI**- Akashvani is India's national public radio broadcaster. It provides comprehensive and unbiased news coverage in various languages, focusing on national and international events, politics, economy, culture, and social issues, catering to a diverse audience across India and globally, through broadcast and digital edition.

PB Shabd- PB-SHABD (Prasar Bharati - Shared Audio-Visuals for Broadcast and Dissemination), is a news sharing service that provides media organizations, with daily news feeds in video, audio, text: photo, and other formats. The stories covered by Prasar Bharati Correspondents and stringers are shared on PB SHABD for use by subscribing media organizations.

### **3. SCOPE OF WORK**

The scope of work for the empanelled Correspondents will broadly include the following news content to be produced by them 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 respective country.

iv) Besides executing the assigned coverage, the correspondents 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 empanelled Correspondent would be exclusively for PB Network, and such content shall not be shared with or provided to other channels originating within India.

vi) Due to the time-sensitive nature of news coverage, the services of Foreign Correspondents stationed at various locations will be available to DD News round the clock. While they are not required to work specific shifts, they must provide stories and updates as and when needed.

#### **4. EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENT:**

The Correspondent should be equipped with new-age technology camera equipments required for news gathering purpose like Nikon D7500, Canon EOS R7, Sony Alfa7, etc. and also Mojo kits with latest smart phones.

#### **5. SELECTION PROCESS:**

The selection of suitable candidate will be carried out by the High Commission of India in Wellington through a five stage process as follows:

A. Invitation of applications or identifying a pool of experienced professional from the field by a Talent Search Committee to be set up by the High Commission.

B. Preliminary Scrutiny to shortlist candidates

C. Skill test and Interview

D. Verification of equipment and documents

E. Final Empanelment / Hiring.

ii) The eligibility of the candidates will be assessed based on their qualification, experience in the field, possession of equipment, technical facilities etc. The eligible candidates after the necessary scrutiny will be asked to give a skill test using their own equipment and raw materials to ascertain their talent and quality of work.

iii) During the Interview, the equipment possessed by the Candidates will be physically inspected by the Selection Committee Members. The proof of ownership of the camera/equipment may also be submitted by the applicants

iv) The selection Committee will judge the candidates on the basis of their qualifications, professional experience, knowledge about their respective regions, Journalistic attitude, knowledge on Current affairs, writing skills. familiarization with the latest communication technologies

v) The final panel of selected candidates shall be drawn based on the performance by the candidates in the Interview and the Skill Test, besides the possession of suitable equipment as per the specifications given to ensure the broadcast quality. The selection shall be done through two stage process of 100 marks, with 50 Marks for

Skill Test and 50 Marks for the Interview. The candidates are required to obtain at least 60 marks for finding a place in the panel.

#### **6. PER ASSIGNMENT FEE:**

The empaneled correspondents will be paid fee on '**per assignment basis**' in different slabs for different types of content by the High Commission of India, 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 NZD category-wise per unit for different types of news content produced and filed by the Correspondents, are given as under:

<b>SL No.</b>	<b>News Content</b>	<b>Fee (NZD)</b>
1	Packaged news reports (PACKAGES)	To be notified
2	Live news reports (LIVES)	To be notified
3	Visuals/Shots/Bytes/tic-tac or combination of these	To be notified
4	Recorded inputs (AS LIVES)	To be notified
5	News Story	To be notified
6	Guest interviews/Interviews of important personalities	To be notified

**The PB Correspondents will receive a monthly service fee of NZD \$1,000**

#### **7. TENURE OF THE PANEL:**

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

#### **8. How to Apply & Last date of submission of application:**

Interested candidate may send their CV along with all required documents at [inf.wellington@mea.gov.in](mailto:inf.wellington@mea.gov.in) latest by December 15, 2024.

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