

WORKING JOURNALISTS AND OTHER
NEWSPAPER EMPLOYEES (CONDITIONS
OF SERVICE) AND MISCELLANEOUS
PROVISIONS ACT 1955

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INTRODUCTION



- ❧ A large number of persons are employed in the various newspapers and periodicals being published in India.
- ❧ Every newspaper or periodical establishment has devised its own way of employing persons to run its working.
- ❧ The Government of India constituted the Press Commission to enquire, among other things, into the conditions of employment of working journalists.

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❧ The Press Commission made certain recommendations for improvement and regulation of such service conditions by means of legislation.

❧ This Act has been passed to regulate certain conditions of service of working journalists and other persons employed in newspaper establishments.

DEFINITIONS (UNDER SECTION 2)



- ❧ BOARD : ‘Board’ means (i) in relation to working journalists, the Wage Board constituted under section 9; and (ii) in relation to non-journalist newspaper employees, the Wage Board under Section 13C.
- ❧ NEWSPAPER: ‘Newspaper’ means any printed periodical work containing public news or comments on public news and includes such other class of printed periodical work as may from time to time, be notified on this behalf by the Central Government in the Official gazette.

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∞ NEWSPAPER ESTABLISHMENT:
‘Newspaper Establishment’ means an establishment under the control of any person or body of persons, whether incorporated or not, for the production or publication of one or more newspapers or for conducting any news agency or syndicate.

❧ NON-JOURNALIST NEWSPAPER EMPLOYEE; ‘Non-Journalist Newspaper Employee’ means a person employed to do work in, or in relation to, any newspaper establishment, but does not include any such person who: (i) is a working journalist, or (ii) is employed mainly in a managerial or administrative capacity, or (iii) being employed in supervisory capacity, performs, either by the nature of the duties attached to his office or by reason of the power vested in him, functions mainly of a managerial nature.

- **PRESCRIBED:** ‘Prescribed’ means (i) prescribed by rules made under this Act.
- **TRIBUNAL:** ‘Tribunal’ means (i) in relation to working journalists, the Tribunal constituted under Section 13AA, and (ii) in relation to non-journalist newspaper employees, the Tribunal constituted under Section 13 DD.

- **WORKING JOURNALIST:** “Working Journalist” means a person whose principal avocation is that of a journalist and who is employed as such, either whole-time or part-time, in, or in relation to, one or more newspaper establishments, and includes an editor, a leader-writer, news editor, sub-editor, feature writer, copy-tester, reporter, correspondent, cartoonist, news photographer and proof-reader, but does not include any such person who -

- (a) is employed mainly in a managerial or administrative capacity, or
- (b) Being employed in supervisory capacity, performs, either by the nature of the duties attached to his officer or by reason of ther powers vested in him functions mainly of a managerial nature.
