

Press Council Acts on 48 Cases in Last Five Years; 14 Members Notified for 15th Council

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The total number of complaints pending with the Press Council of India as of January 2026, categorised by those pending for over one, two and five years are as under:

Period	No. of complaints pending with PCI
1-2 years	463
2-5 years	301
>5 years	313
Total	1077

In the last five years (from 2020-21 to 2024-25), the Council exercised its powers to 'censure' or 'admonish' offenders in 48 instances.

The Press Council of India consists of a Chairperson and 28 members. Out of 28 members, 14 members of 15th Press Council have been notified vide Gazette notifications dated 19.12.2024 and 02.12.2025. The quorum for conducting meetings of the Council is 11 members, as per Regulation 4 of the Press Council (Procedure for Conduct of Meetings and Business) Regulations, 1979.

This Information was submitted by the Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting Dr. L. Murugan in the Rajya Sabha today in response of questions asked by Shri Saket Gokhale.

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