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Press Council of India advises media personnel and media houses to take precautions for safety in ground reporting on Cyclone "Biparjoy".

The Press Council of India (PCI) holds deep concerns for the safety and security of media personnel, as the cyclone 'Biparjoy' approaches the Western Coast of our country. Understanding the high intensity and potential impact of this cyclone, to ensure the well-being of journalists reporting from ground zero the PCI urges media personnel and media houses to strictly adhere to the following safety measures outlined in the advisory no. 41011/06/2023-BC-III dated 15.06.2023, issued by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting:

1. As media is already aware, Cyclone "Biparjoy" is expected to hit the western coast of the Country in the immediate future which is likely to cause disruption of varying dimensions. While the Central Government along with the State Governments is making all out efforts to mitigate the impact of the Cyclone, there is every likelihood of media personnel, especially of satellite TV channels to undertake ground reporting of the Cyclone and other related incidents. Given the possible impact of the Cyclone, reporting from the ground level may pose serious risks of safety and security of the reporters and the cameramen and other personnel deployed by the private satellite TV channels for reporting of this incident. The Government is deeply concerned that such ground reporting may risk the lives of the various personnel deployed.

2. From the perspective of the safety and security of the various reporters, cameramen and other personnel of the various media organizations, especially the private TV channels, it is strongly advised that media organizations may undertake abundant precaution and due care in the matter of deployment of their personnel in the areas likely to be affected and follow the precautions being issued by the local administration. And under no circumstances take decisions for deployment of such personnel in a way which may compromise the safety and security of the media personnel".

