

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN
ON
COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF MEDIA AND INFORMATION

The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan (hereafter referred to as the 'Contracting Parties');

Recognising the vital role that Media plays in the promotion of better understanding between countries and in enhancing regional cooperation through greater interaction between media persons and through the dissemination of information about each other.

Also recognizing the critical role that media plays in the promotion of democratic values and tolerance in societies.

Desirous of strengthening relations between the Republic of India and the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan through greater interaction between the media persons and radio and TV organizations of the two countries.

Agree as follows:

Promote free flow of information, newspapers, periodicals, books and other publications.

Increase cooperation amongst news agencies of the two countries.

Facilitate travel for media persons.

Hold regular conference of editors and working journalists of the two countries.

Arrange regular exchange of TV and Radio programmes.

Arrange training for media persons of Afghanistan in India.

Hold regular meetings of heads of national TV/Radio organisations to review the working of the assistance projects undertaken by India i.e. Kabul TV Satellite uplink-downlink facility, 100 KW SW transmitter and the renovation of the Jalalabad TV project and any other projects that may be undertaken in the area.

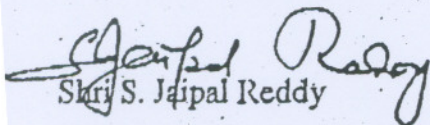
For the establishment of an Afghan Academy of Cinema, India would extend support by providing long term and short term training in Indian academies to Afghan nationals in scriptwriting, direction, cinematography, editing, and sound recording.

The two countries would also make efforts to hold special screening of each other's films in their respective countries.

The Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on signature and shall remain in force for a period of three years, automatically renewable for similar three year periods at a time, unless terminated by any one party by giving a written notice of 90 days to the other party prior to the date of termination.

Done in duplicate at New Delhi on 24th February, 2005 in English, Hindi and Dari, all the texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence in interpretation, the English text will prevail.

For the Government of
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