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A question has been raised as to whether Press Representatives can attend the meetings of the Land Tribunals.

Rule 17 of the Land Reforms Rules, 1974 provides that in respect of applications made to it, the Land Tribunal shall follow the procedure specified for a summary enquiry under Section 34 of the Karnataka Land Revenue Act. Section 35 of the Land Revenue Act also provides that a formal or summary enquiry shall be deemed to be "Judicial Proceedings" and that the authority holding such enquiry shall be deemed to be a Civil Court for the purposes of the enquiry. Section 36 provides that every hearing in an enquiry shall be in open court. The meetings of Land Tribunals shall have to be conducted in conformity with the above provisions. In fact the presence of the press representatives at these meetings may be conducive to the proper functioning of the Tribunal in an impartial and fair manner in that it will put some restraint on the tendencies, if any, of any member to stray from the correct conduct in dealing with the Tribunals' work. Since the meetings will be open to the public it is not proper to deny access to the press representatives.

In the above circumstances it is felt that the Press Representative should be allowed to attend the meetings of the Land Tribunals.

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