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**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR OF NEWSPAPERS FOR INDIA**  
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**ADVISORY TO PUBLISHERS (No.2 of 2023)**

**Sub: Delivery of Copies of periodicals (Newspapers or Magazines) to the Regional Offices of Press Information Bureau**

Kind attention is invited to Section 11B of the Press & Registration of Books Act, 1867 and the Registration of Newspapers (central) Rules, 1956 as per which every publisher shall within 48 hours of the publication of an issue of his/her newspaper, send to the Press Registrar one copy of the issue by post or by a messenger.

It is clarified that the publishers are liable to pay a penalty of up to Rs.2000 under Sec.13 (vi) of PRB Act as amended by the Jan Vishwas Act, 2023, in case they fail to deliver the copies of the newspapers in compliance with Sections 11 A and 11 B of the PRB Act. It is further clarified that non-delivery of copies to Regional Offices of PIB/RNI Office at Delhi as the case may be, can also be treated as ground for suspension/cancellation of Registration as per Section 12 of the PRB Act considering it as non-publishing on regular basis/ceasing of the publication.

Therefore, all Publishers are hereby advised to ensure that copies of every issue of newspapers or magazines published as the case may be, should be submitted at the nearest Regional Office of the Press Information Bureau, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India within the stipulated time. The copies of Newspapers published in NCR Delhi should be submitted to the Office of Registrar of Newspapers for India, at Soochana Bhavan, New Delhi.

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