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**To**
**The District Magistrate/District Collector**
All Districts in **Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Uttarakhand, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Kerala**

**(Through Official e-mail)**

**Subject: Training for Specified Authorities to facilitate Registration of Periodicals through Press Sewa Portal.**

Greetings from Press Registrar General of India!

As you may be aware, the new Press and Registration of Periodicals Act, 2023 has come into effect from 1st March, 2024 onwards, replacing the old PRB Act, 1867. With a view to make the processes more efficient and transparent, the new Act provides for a digital platform to process the applications and mandates that all the applications be processed online. The Act also establishes the Press Registrar General of India (PRGI) as a statutory office under Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, replacing the former Office of Registrar of Newspapers for India (RNI).

2. In this regard, we are glad to inform you that in order to facilitate online applications for registration of periodicals and for intimation by the Printing Presses, the Press Registrar General of India has developed the **Press Sewa Portal** (www.presssewa.prgi.gov.in). The portal also provides for a dedicated dashboard for the Specified Authorities in the State to record their comments/ No objection on the applications for registration. **As per section 2(p) of the PRP Act, "Specified Authority" (SA) means a District Magistrate or Collector or such other officer as the State Government or, as the case may be, Union territory Administration may specify by notification.**

3. The Secretary, Ministry of I&B vide D.O. Letter No. M-25013/2/2024-MUC-I dated 9th January, 2024 and Press Registrar General of India vide D.O. Letter No.IT-AUT-ITA0MISC/2/2024 dated 30th January, 2024 have written to the Chief Secretaries of the States/Administrators of Union Territories requesting them to notify the Specified Authorities in the districts for implementation of the Press & Registration of Periodicals Act, 2023. In case an officer is not designated as the Specified Authority, the District Magistrate will be considered as the Specified

Authority for all matters related to registration of periodicals under the PRP Act, 2023.

4. Furthermore, for the implementation of the PRP Act, the Specified Authorities are required to be onboarded to the Press Sewa Portal and Login Credentials are to be created for them. For the same, the officers concerned are requested to share with us the necessary details through https://egov.rni.nic.in/Webforms/DM_Details.aspx. This step is crucial for a seamless transition and compliance with the new regulations. The credentials for the Press Sewa Portal will be shared through **the official gov.in/nic.in email ID** provided by the SA in this form.

5. Earlier, a few districts had shared their details with us. If the details are already provided and if there is no change, resharing of the same information is not required. In case there is any change in the details already shared, the updated information can be provided through this weblink. Therefore, all the Specified Authorities are requested to verify and update/provide the required information through the above link, for creation of their accounts on Press Sewa Portal.

6. As part of implementation of the Act, an **online Training Programme** is being organized on **Wednesday, 8th May, 2024** at **11.00 am** to familiarize the Specified Authorities with the new system of online registration through Press Sewa portal. The resource material for the training is attached herewith for your reference. Therefore, you are requested to attend the Training or nominate/direct the official concerned in your district for the same. The training will cover various aspects of Press & Registration of Periodicals Act, 2023, along with a demo of the Specified Authority Module available in the Press Sewa Portal. The link for the online training will be made available in the above mentioned website/email.

For clarifications and further information regarding the Training and Press Sewa Portal, you may contact Sh. Ashutosh Mohle **(9716323849/a.mohle@gov.in**), Dy. Press Registrar General, PRGI or Sh. Gaurav Sharma (**88600 02444/gaurav.sharma30@nic.in**) Scientist B, NIC.

The successful implementation of PRP Act requires a concerted team effort and your co-operation and proactive inputs in this regard are solicited.

Yours sincerely,

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