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SUBJECT: RE-PUBLICATION OF PERIODICALS AFTER A LONG GAP OF NON-PUBLISHING

This office is in receipt of requests from some publishers for reactivating the registration of their periodicals which have not been publishing for long as the publishers of these periodicals would like to restart their publication.

2. In this regard, it is conveyed that in the case of the periodicals which have not been continuously publishing, it is not legally feasible to reactivate their registration based on the Publication Continuity Certificate (PCC) issued by the Specified Authority/Press Information Bureau.

3. The Section 6 - of the PRB Act, 1867 under which these periodicals were registered - says that "where in any period of three months any daily, tri-weekly, bi-weekly, weekly or fortnightly newspaper publishes issues the number of which is less than half of what should have been published in accordance with the declaration made in respect thereof, the declaration shall cease to have effect."

4. The Act also says that "where any other newspaper has ceased publication for a period exceeding twelve months, every declaration made in respect thereof shall cease to have effect, and a new declaration shall be necessary before the newspaper can be republished."

5. As the matter has been examined in light of Section 5(6) of the Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867 which inter alia provides that any publication that fails to publish at least 50% of its issues within a period of 90 days relative to its declared periodicity shall have its declaration for registration cease to have effect.

6 . Therefore, it has been decided that in the case of applications received for republication after a gap, the titles of those publications will be cancelled from PRGI Records thereby making such titles available for new applications on the Press Sewa Portal. The Publishers of such periodicals are

advised to apply afresh through Press Sewa Portal for New Registration

This issues with the approval of Press Registrar General.

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