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Subject: **RECTIFICATIONS OF LOOPHOLES IN THE PROCESS OF AUTHENTICATION OF DECLARATIONS OF TITLES**

In pursuance of sections (1) and (2) of article 40 of PNNBR Ordinance 2002, the Press Registrar maintains a centralized register of newspapers, news agencies and printing presses and their particulars.

2. The process concerning the Deputy Commissioners/ Regional Information Officers regarding authentication of declaration of titles have some loopholes and requires rectifications.

- i. Office of the Press Registrar issues NOC to notify a change in periodicity or language of a declared title of a publication. The change needs to be notified in fresh declaration by the concerned Deputy Commissioner/ Regional Information Officer.
- ii. The cases for authentication of change in periodicity, language and other station of an already declared title are routed through Intelligence Bureau or Special Branch of the concerned district. The exercise may be avoided to facilitate the publishers/ owners as they have already gone through the same process at the time of first authentication of declaration of title.
- iii. Clauses pertaining to **academic and experience qualification** criteria defined by the Office of the Press Registrar vide office order No. 5(2)/2006 (Admn) (Pt.) dated 15.04.2022 (copy enclosed) should only be observed and implemented while processing requests for authentication of declaration of **Fresh title or Transfer of Ownership/publisher-ship of a title of periodical and news agency**.
- iv. Requests for authentication of declaration for alterations including change in language, periodicity, printer and other Station of a declared/registered title of periodical shall stand exempted from the academic qualification criteria with exception of those cases where a new publisher/editor is appointed for the other station. In case of a new publisher/editor, academic and experience qualification of editor shall be observed and implemented.

- v. NOC cases where applicant is a professional degree holder, allotted a title in a professional specialized field such as academia, legal, medical, engineering etc., should not be rejected on basis of lack of journalistic experience criteria as in the subject cases experience in the respective specialized field is required only.
3. In view of the foregoing, it is suggested that the aforementioned recommendations may please be approved and communicated to all concerned for compliance in authentication of declaration of titles.

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