

No. DM/34/2021- DM
Government of India
Ministry of Information & Broadcasting
Digital Media Division

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
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To,

Shri Anand Kaushal,
National President,
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Subject: Registration of Web Journalists' Standards Authority (WJSA) as self-regulatory body under Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code), 2021- regarding

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to communication dated 01 July, 2021 from Web Journalists' Association of India (WJAI) on the above mentioned subject and to convey the approval of the competent authority in the Ministry for registration of "**Web Journalists' Standards Authority**" (WJSA) as the Level II Self Regulatory Body for publishers of news and current affairs content as per rule 12 of the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021.

2. It is hereby informed that WJSA has been registered as the self-regulatory body with the member publishers as per the list enclosed at the **Annexure**.
3. As informed, the composition "**Web Journalists' Standards Authority (WJSA)**" on the date of registration is as under:
 - i. Hon'ble Justice Ghanshyam Prasad, Hon'ble former Judge, HC of Judicature at Patna- Chairperson
 - ii. Shri Daya Shankar Prasad, IAS, Retired Administrative Officer- Member
 - iii. Shri Ramesh Chandra Sinha, Former DGP, Bihar- Member
 - iv. Shri Rohan Priyam Sahay, Advocate, Patna High Court- Member (Legal)
 - v. Shri Rana Yashwant- Senior Journalist/ Social Cultural Activist/ Educationist- Member
 - vi. Shri Anand Kaushal, National President, WJAI- Member
 - vii. Dr. Amit Ranjan, National General Secretary, WJAI- Member

4. The WJSA shall perform functions laid down in the sub rules (4) and (5) of rule 12 for the purpose of redressing grievances related to Code of Ethics under the Rules. The body shall also ensure that the member publishers have agreed to adhere to the provisions of the Rules, including furnishing the requisite information under rule 18 of the Rules.
5. Any change in the composition of the body and/or the membership of the publishers shall be informed to the Ministry as soon as such change takes place.
6. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority in the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,



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