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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR OF NEWSPAPERS FOR INDIA
(MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING)
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ADVISORY FOR PUBLISHERS (No. 1/2023)


Dated: 04th September 2023

Sub: Procedure for removal of publications from defunct status-reg.

It was observed that many publications had not filed their Annual Statements for several years (three or more) in the prescribed form as per Section 19 D of the Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867. Accordingly, such publications were placed under the defunct list and concerned District Magistrates/Specified Authorities were requested for initiating action under Section 8(B) of the Act vide letters of even no. dtd. 12.11.2021. An advisory to publishers dtd. 17.03.2022 was also issued in this regard. It was also requested that, upon enquiry if such publications were being found to be continuously publishing, the same may be informed to the Press Registrar. For the sake of convenience, a format for Continuity certificate was also provided (Enclosed).

2. Since then, a large number of publishers have submitted the continuity certificate duly authenticated by the concerned Magistrate/Specified Authority. These publications have been removed from the defunct list and the status of such publications have been restored after the publishers have paid requisite penalty for non-filing of Annual Statements as per Rule 12 of the Registration of Newspapers (Central) Rules, 1956 and submitted the pending Annual Statements.
3. **It is once again informed for the convenience of the publishers that, if their publications have been identified as defunct (Check status: <http://rni.nic.in/AllData/AllData.aspx>), the following procedure may be adopted to remove such publications from the list;**
 - A) A continuity certificate may be authenticated by the concerned DM/specified authority as per the enclosed format, if publication is in defunct list.
 - B) The above certificate may be got forwarded from the office of DM/Specified Authority either by registered post or through official email ID (NIC/Gov) of the Magistrate to the O/o RNI (Address as above and email ID: registration-rni@gov.in)
 - C) After receipt of the continuity certificate, the Office of RNI will enable the Publisher to pay penalty and submit Annual Statements through the online portal (<https://egov.rni.nic.in/>)
 - D) For the payment of penalty and submission of Annual Statements, the instructions given in the below link may be followed: https://egov.rni.nic.in/DocFiles/Online_Payment_system_for_paying_the_penalty_to_RNI.pdf
 - E) After the above steps, the defunct status of the publication will be removed.

Encls: As above


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Publication Continuity Certificate

(Ref.: Advisory for Publishers No. 10/AS/2014-15/TC dated 17/3/2022 issued by Office of the Registrar of Newspapers for India, New Delhi (RNI) Min. of I&B)

This is to certify that, the following publication/ periodical is active & publishing regularly for the last ___ years as per details hereunder:

- 1) Name of Periodical
- 2) Periodicity
- 3) RNI Reg. No.
- 4) Name of Owner (Existing)
- 5) Name of Publisher (Existing)
- 6) Mobile No. of Publisher
- 7) e-mail ID of Publisher
- 8) Place of Publication (Existing)

This certificate is given on true & correct information given by the publisher & physical verification of the place of publication & periodicals published so far.

Sign and Seal

District Magistrate/ Concerned Authority

District:

Place:

Date:

URGENT
By Post/Email

F. No. 10/AS/2014-15/TC
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Office of the Registrar of Newspaper for India
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Dated: 12.11.2021

To,
The District Collector/District Magistrate/CMM/
DCP Licensing
_____ District/City
_____ State

Sub: Cancellation of Publications for non filing of Annual Statements for the last five years – reg.

Sir,

The office of Registrar of Newspapers for India (RNI) is mandated to verify and register the titles of newspapers/periodicals on the basis of the declaration authenticated by District Magistrate concerned under the provisions of the Press & Registration of Books Act, 1867. The Owner/Publisher of a registered publication is required to furnish/submit Annual Statement in the prescribed format to the office of RNI on or before 31st May of each year as per Section 19 D of the PRB Act, 1867.

2. Publishers who had not filed their annual statements for the last three years were given one last opportunity to file their annual statements in January, 2020.

3. As per our records, many publishers are yet to file their Annual Statements for the last five consecutive financial years. The list of such registered publications relating to your district based on place of publication, is herewith forwarded with the request to verify/enquire whether these publications are actively being published for the last few years. If not, the authenticated declaration (Form-1) of these publications may be cancelled as per Section 8 of the PRB Act, 1867. On enquiry, if it's found that, any of these publications are being published, the same may be informed to this office.

4. This issues with the approval of the Press Registrar.

Encl: as above

Yours Sincerely,



(Rina Sonowal Kouli)
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March 17th, 2022

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This is regarding those publications that have not filed their online annual statements during the last 5 years and are in the defunct list of 99,173.

2. The defunct list has been shared with concerned district officials. No request for any RNI related work will be entertained for these publications until confirmation is received from DM/SDM/CMM/DCP Licensing of the concerned districts that these publications are actively being published for the last five years.
3. This issues with the approval of Press Registrar.


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Copy for information to:

1. PSO to PR
2. PPS to Addl. PR
3. PA to DPR (A)
4. APR (JP)/APR (AM)
5. All Section Heads of RNI
6. NIC – for uploading in RNI website
7. AD (OL) – for Hindi translation.