

### **ABSTRACT**

Information Technology Department – Nomination of Nodal Officer for the State to issue take down notices to the intermediaries under Section 79(3)(b) of the Information Technology Act, 2000 and to send requests to the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting(MIB), Government of India regarding blocking of content published/transmitted by digital news publishers and content published by OTT platforms under the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021 - Orders – Issued.

## **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (E2) DEPARTMENT**

G.O.(D) No.15

Dated: 28.04.2022 சுபகிருது, சித்திரை– 15 திருவள்ளுவர் ஆண்டு–2053 Read:

- 1. G.O.(Ms.)No.998, Home (Modern) Department dated 14.08.2018.
- 2. G.O.(D) No.20, Information Technology (B4) Department, dated 18.03.2020.
- 3. From the Director General of Police, Rc.No.268092/Crime 4(2)/2019, dated 23.07.2021.
- 4. From the Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, MIB, Digital Media Division, New Delhi, Letter No.DM/45/2021-DM, dated 06.01.2022.

#### ORDER:

In the Government Order 1<sup>st</sup> read above, orders have been issued by the Government in Home Department for the creation of "Cyber Crime Wing" headed by one Additional Director General of Police at the State-level and 3 Superintendents of Police.

- 2. In the Government Order 2<sup>nd</sup> read above, orders have been issued nominating the Superintendent of Police-I, Cyber Crime Division, Cyber Crime Wing, O/o. Director General of Police, Mylapore, Chennai-600004 as the Nodal Officer under the provisions of Information Technology (Procedure and Safeguards for Blocking for Access of Information by Public) Rules, 2009 for content blocking under section 69A of the Information Technology Act, 2000.
- 3. In the letter 3<sup>rd</sup> read above, the Director General of Police, Tamil Nadu Police, Chennai has requested the Government to nominate Superintendent of Police-I, Cyber Crime Division, Cyber Crime Wing, O/o. Director General of Police, Mylapore, Chennai 600 004 as Nodal Officer to issue take down notices to the intermediaries under Section 79(3)(b) of the Information Technology Act, 2000.
- 4. In the letter 4<sup>th</sup> read above, the Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Digital Media Division, New Delhi has informed that the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021 under the Information Technology Act, 2000, was notified by the Government

of India on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021. Part III of the said Rules relates to publishers of news and current affairs content and publishers of online curated content (OTT Platforms) on digital media, which is administered by the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting (MIB), Government of India.

- 5. He has further requested the Government of Tamil Nadu to nominate a Nodal Officer from the State to send requests to the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India regarding blocking of content published/transmitted by digital news publishers and content published by OTT platforms in relation with the content referred to in Section 69A of the Information Technology Act, 2000. He has also suggested that the Nodal Officer already nominated under the provisions of the Information Technology (Procedure and Safeguards for Blocking for Access of Information by Public) Rules, 2009 may be considered for being nominated as the Nodal Officer for the purpose of sending blocking requests to the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting under the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021 also.
- 6. The Government, after careful examination of the proposal of the Director General of Police, Tamil Nadu Police, and the Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, hereby nominate the Superintendent of Police-I, Cyber Crime Division, Cyber Crime Wing, O/o. Director General of Police, Mylapore, Chennai 600 004 as Nodal Officer for the following:
  - a. To issue take down notices to the intermediaries under Section 79(3)(b) of the Information Technology Act, 2000.
  - b. To send requests to the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India regarding blocking of content published/transmitted by digital news publishers and content published by OTT platforms under the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021.
  - 7. The contact details of the Nodal Officer are as follows:

The Superintendent of Police-I, Cyber Crimes Division, Cyber Crime Wing, Office of the Director General of Police, Mylapore, Chennai — 600 004. Phone 91-44-28447712 e-mail ID: spccd1.dgp@tn.gov.in

8. This order is issued with the concurrence of Home and Law Departments.

(By Order of the Governor)

# NEERAJ MITTAL PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Director General of Police,
Head of Police Force,
Tamil Nadu Police,
Post Box No.601, Dr. Radhakrishnan Salai, Mylapore, Chennai - 600 004.

The Superintendent of Police-I,
Cyber Crimes Division, Cyber Crime Wing,
Office of the Director General of Police,
Post Box No.601, Dr.Radhakrishnan Salai, Mylapore, Chennai — 600 004.

The Deputy Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Digital Media Division, 'A' Wing, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi – 110 001.

## Copy to:

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,

Home, Prohibition & Excise Department, Secretariat, Chennai – 600 009.

The Secretary to Government,

Law Department, Secretariat, Chennai – 600 009.

The Senior Personal Assistant to Hon'ble Minister for (Information Technology), Secretariat, Chennai -600 009.

The Private Secretary to Principal Secretary to Government, Information Technology Department, Secretariat, Chennai-600 009.

The Principal Private Secretary to Chief Secretary to Government, Secretariat, Chennai – 600 009.

All Departments of Secretariat, Chennai – 600 009.

The Content Creator (CMS), Information Technology Department, Secretariat, Chennai – 600 009.

(with a request to host the G.O in the Government website) Sf/Sc

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Section Officer

23/4/22