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Government of India/ भारत सरकार  
Ministry of Law & Justice/ विधि और न्याय मंत्रालय  
Department of Justice/न्याय विभाग  
(Coordination Section/समन्वय अनुभाग)

Jaisalmer House, 26 Man Singh Road,  
New Delhi, Dated 11th February, 2026

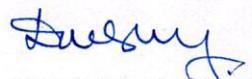
OFFICE MEMORANDUM/ कार्यालय जापन

**Sub: Nominate/update details of Nodal Officer under IT Rules,2021 (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) regarding removal or disabling the access to unlawful content – reg.**

The undersigned is directed to refer to Secretary MeitY D.O.letter No.14(6)/2024-CL&DG-Part(2) dated 19.12.2025 and this office OM of even number dated 29.01.2026 on the subject mentioned above. Shri Satya Pratap Singh, JS (Justice-II & eCourts), is nominated as Nodal Officer in place of Shri Prateek Kumar Mishra, Director(eCourts). The details of the Officer are as under:

Name of the Nodal Officer	Shri Satya Pratap Singh
Designation	Joint Secretary (Justice-II & eCourts)
Ministry & Address	Ministry of Law & Justice Department of Justice Jaisalmer House, 26 Man Singh Road, New Delhi-110011
Tel:	011-23381496
Email	jsj2-doj@gov.in

2. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

  
(M.S.P. Dara)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

To,

Secretary,  
Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology,  
Electronics Niketan, 6, C G O Complex,  
New Delhi – 110003  
E-mail: [mayank.80@meity.gov.in](mailto:mayank.80@meity.gov.in) &  
Email:[agarwal.somya@meity.gov.in](mailto:agarwal.somya@meity.gov.in)

Copy to following along with a copy of Meity's ibid D.O. dated 19.12.2026:

1. Officer concerned.
2. All officers of DoJ through e-office notice board for strict compliance.
3. Director (NIC, DoJ) for necessary action regarding removal or disabling the access to unlawful content at appropriate level and also upload the same on DoJ official website.

एस. कृष्णन, आई.ए.एस.  
सचिव  
S. Krishnan, I.A.S.  
Secretary



इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय  
भारत सरकार  
Ministry of Electronics &  
Information Technology (MeitY)  
Government of India

DO.NO. 14(6)/2024-CL&DG-Part (2)  
Dated: 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2025

Dear Secretary,

Kindly refer to my previous D.O. letter no. 2(5)2025-Cyberlaws dated 6<sup>th</sup> November 2025 with respect to the amendment in Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021 ("IT Rules, 2021") regarding removal or disabling the access to unlawful content by appointment of authorised officer at appropriate level by the Ministries/Departments and inform the same to MeitY, sending of reasoned intimation to intermediaries (copy attached).

2. It has been observed that some of the ministries/departments have appointed the authorised officer and informed the MeitY but in most of the cases, information is yet to be received.

3. I would therefore request you all to take the appropriate action for appointment of authorized officer and share the details with MeitY at [mayank.80@meity.gov.in](mailto:mayank.80@meity.gov.in) & [agarwal.somya@meity.gov.in](mailto:agarwal.somya@meity.gov.in). It is further requested to review all such reasoned intimations issued by appropriate government at Secretary level on monthly basis to ensure that actions taken are necessary, proportionate, and in consistent with the act.

SM  
2/1/2026  
With best regards,

Yours sincerely

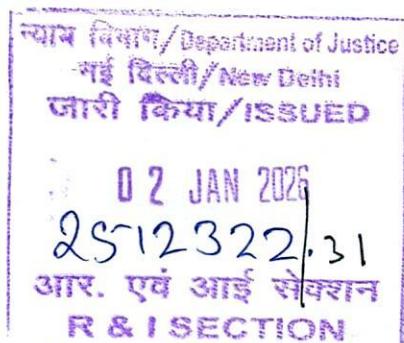
S. Krishnan  
(S. Krishnan)

Encl. as above.

Secretaries to all the Ministries/Departments, Government of India

5/6/26

SO(C) / Sh. Umesh



एस. कृष्णन, आई.ए.एस.  
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Secretary



इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय  
भारत सरकार  
Ministry of Electronics &  
Information Technology (MeitY)  
Government of India

DO. No. 2(5)/2025-CyberLaws  
Dated: 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2025

Dear Secretary,

I would like to bring to your kind attention that the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has notified the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Amendment Rules, 2025 on 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2025, in the Official Gazette of India, thereby amending the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021 ("IT Rules, 2021").

2. The IT Rules, 2021, originally notified under the Information Technology Act, 2000 on 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 and subsequently amended on 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2022 and 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2023, prescribe due diligence obligations for intermediaries, including social media intermediaries, to ensure online safety, security, and accountability. The latest amendments notified on 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2025, further reinforce and modernise the due diligence framework by enhancing procedural transparency, accountability, and oversight mechanisms. Specifically, the amendments to Rule 3(1)(d) of the IT Rules, 2021 introduce a clearly defined process for removal of or disabling access to unlawful content, requiring that such removal or disabling be based only on a court order or a reasoned intimation issued by an authorised officer at senior level (not below the rank of Joint Secretary/ Director or Deputy Inspector General of Police). They also mandate periodic review of such orders at a level, not below the rank of Secretary of the Appropriate Government, to ensure that the actions taken are necessary, proportionate, and consistent with the Act. These amended IT Rules, 2021 will come into effect from 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2025. The Gazette Notification on 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2025 is enclosed herewith and also available at the following link:

<https://egazette.gov.in/WriteReadData/2025/267089.pdf>

The amended IT Rules, 2021 (updated on 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2025), as it stands after this amendment, is available at the following link for ready reference:

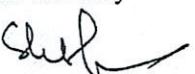
<https://www.meity.gov.in/static/uploads/2025/10/708f6a344c74249c2e1bbb6890342f80.pdf>

3. The review undertaken by MeitY through these amendments to Rule 3(1)(d) of the IT Rules, 2021 highlighted the need for additional safeguards to ensure senior-level accountability, precise specification of unlawful content, and periodic review of government directions at higher level.

4. In this connection, you are requested to take appropriate actions including authorization of the officers at appropriate level, as prescribed in the IT Rules, 2021 and inform the same to this Ministry.

With regards,

Yours sincerely

  
(S. Krishnan)

Encl. as above.

To

Secretaries to all the Ministries/Departments, Government of India (As per list)





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इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय

अधिसूचना

नई दिल्ली, 22 अक्टूबर, 2025

सा.का.नि. 775(अ).—केन्द्रीय सरकार, सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी अधिनियम, 2000 (2000 का 21) की धारा 87 की उपधारा (1) और उपधारा (2) के खंड (य) और खंड (यद्य) के द्वारा प्रदत्त शक्तियों का प्रयोग करते हुए, सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी (मध्यवर्ती दिशानिर्देश और डिजिटल मीडिया आचार संहिता) नियम, 2021 का और संशोधन करने के लिए निम्नलिखित नियम बनाती है, अर्थात् :—

1. (1) इन नियमों का संक्षिप्त नाम सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी (मध्यवर्ती दिशानिर्देश और डिजिटल मीडिया आचार संहिता) संशोधन नियम, 2025 है।

(2) ये तारीख 15 नवंबर, 2025 को प्रवृत्त होंगे।

2. सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी (मध्यवर्ती दिशानिर्देश और डिजिटल मीडिया आचार संहिता) नियम, 2021 में, नियम 3 के उप-नियम (1) में, खंड (घ) के स्थान पर निम्नलिखित खंड प्रतिस्थापित किए जाएंगे, अर्थात् :—

“(घ) कोई मध्यवर्ती, जिसके कंप्यूटर संसाधन पर ऐसी सूचना होस्ट, प्रदर्शित, प्रकाशित, प्रेषित या संग्रहीत की गई है जिसका उपयोग विधिविरुद्ध कार्य करने के लिए किया गया है, जो भारत की संप्रभुता और अखंडता के हित; राज्य की

सुरक्षा; विदेशों के साथ मैत्रीपूर्ण संबंधों; लोक-व्यवस्था; शिष्टता या नैतिकता; किसी न्यायालय की अवमानना; मानहानि; उपर्युक्त के संबंध में किसी अपराध के उद्दीपन से संबंधित तत्समय प्रवृत्त किसी विधि के अधीन प्रतिषिद्ध है, अथवा ऐसी किसी सूचना के संबंध में है जो तत्समय प्रवृत्त किसी विधि के अधीन प्रतिषिद्ध है, अधिनियम की धारा 79 की उप-धारा (3) के खंड (ख) के तहत वास्तविक जानकारी प्राप्त होने पर ऐसी सूचना को वास्तविक जानकारी प्राप्त होने के छत्तीस घंटों के भीतर हटाएगा या उस तक पहुंच को अक्षम करेगा; और ऐसी वास्तविक जानकारी केवल निम्नलिखित तरीकों से उत्पन्न होगी, अर्थात्:—

(i) सक्षम न्यायालय के आदेश के माध्यम से; या

(ii) लिखित रूप में एक तर्कसंगत सूचना,—

(I) समुचित सरकार या उसके अभिकरण द्वारा ऐसी सूचना जारी करने के प्रयोजनार्थ प्राधिकृत अधिकारी द्वारा जारी की गई, जो संयुक्त सचिव या उसके समकक्ष पद के अधिकारी से नीचे का न हो, या जहाँ ऐसे पद का अधिकारी नियुक्त न किया गया हो, वहाँ भारत सरकार अथवा राज्य सरकार के निदेशक या उसके समकक्ष पद के अधिकारी द्वारा जारी की गई; और जहाँ ऐसा अभिकरण इस प्रकार नियुक्त की गया हो, वहाँ अपनी प्राधिकृत अभिकरण में एक ही संगत अधिकारी के माध्यम से कार्य करेगा, जहाँ ऐसे प्राधिकृत किया गया हो:

परंतु जहाँ ऐसी सूचना पुलिस प्रशासन द्वारा जारी की जानी हो, वहाँ प्राधिकृत अधिकारी पुलिस उप महानिरीक्षक के पद से नीचे का न हो, जिसे इस संबंध में विशेष रूप से समुचित सरकार द्वारा प्राधिकृत किया गया हो:

परंतु यह और कि ऐसी सभी सूचनाएं संबंधित समुचित सरकार के कम से कम के सचिव के पद के अधिकारी द्वारा प्रत्येक माह में एक बार आवधिक समीक्षा के अधीन होंगी, ताकि यह सुनिश्चित किया जा सके कि ऐसी सूचनाएं आवश्यक, आनुपातिक हैं और अधिनियम की धारा 79 की उप-धारा (3) के खंड (ख) तथा इस खंड के अनुरूप हैं।

(II) लागू किए गए कानूनी आधार और वैधानिक प्रावधान, गैरकानूनी कृत्य की प्रकृति, और विशिष्ट यूनिफॉर्म रिसोर्स लोकेटर, पहचानकर्ता या सूचना, डेटा या संचार लिंक के अन्य इलेक्ट्रॉनिक स्थान को स्पष्ट रूप से निर्दिष्ट किया जाएगा, जिसे हटाया या अक्षम किया जाना आवश्यक है;"

[फा. सं. 2(4)/2025-साइबर लॉज़]

अजीत कुमार, संयुक्त सचिव

**टिप्पणी।**—मूल नियम भारत के राजपत्र, असाधारण, भाग II, खंड 3, उप-खंड (i) में अधिसूचना संख्यांक सा.का.नि. 139(अ), तारीख 25 फरवरी, 2021 द्वारा प्रकाशित किए गए थे और तत्पश्चात् अधिसूचना संख्यांक सा.का.नि. 794(अ), तारीख 28 अक्टूबर, 2022 और अधिसूचना संख्यांक सा.का.नि. 275(अ), तारीख 6 अप्रैल, 2023 द्वारा संशोधित किए गए थे।

**MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**  
**NOTIFICATION**

New Delhi, the 22nd October, 2025

**G.S.R. 775(E).**— In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1), clauses (z) and (zg) of sub-section (2) of section 87 of the Information Technology Act, 2000 (21 of 2000), the Central Government hereby makes the following rules to further amend the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021, namely:—

1. (1) These rules may be called the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Amendment Rules, 2025.

(2) They shall come into force on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025.

2. In the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021, in rule 3, in sub-rule (1), for clause (d), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:—

“(d) an intermediary, on whose computer resource the information which is used to commit an unlawful act which is prohibited under any law for the time being in force in relation to the interest of the sovereignty and integrity of India; security of the State; friendly relations with foreign States; public order; decency or morality; in relation to contempt of court; defamation; incitement to an offence relating to the above, or any information which is prohibited under any law for the time being in force is hosted, displayed, published, transmitted or stored shall, upon receiving the actual knowledge under clause (b) of sub-section (3) of section 79 of the Act on such information, remove or disable access to such information within thirty-six hours of the receipt of such actual knowledge, and such actual knowledge shall arise only in the following manner, namely:—

(i) by an order of a court of competent jurisdiction; or

(ii) a reasoned intimation, in writing,—

(I) issued by an officer authorised for the purpose of issuing such intimation by the Appropriate Government or its agency, being not below the rank of Joint Secretary or an officer equivalent in rank or where an officer at such rank is not appointed, a Director or an officer equivalent in rank, to the Government of India or to the State Government, as the case may be, and, where so authorised, acting through a single corresponding officer in its authorised agency, where such agency is so appointed:

*Provided* that where such intimation is to be issued by the police administration, the authorised officer shall not be below the rank of Deputy Inspector General of Police, especially authorised by the Appropriate Government in this behalf:

*Provided further* that all such intimations shall be subject to periodic review by an officer not below the rank of the Secretary of the concerned Appropriate Government once in every month to ensure that such intimations are necessary, proportionate, and consistent with clause (b) of sub-section (3) of section 79 of the Act and this clause;

(II) clearly specifying the legal basis and statutory provision invoked, the nature of the unlawful act, and the specific uniform resource locator, identifier or other electronic location of the information, data or communication link required to be removed or disabled;”.

[F. No. 2(4)/2025-CyberLaws]

AJIT KUMAR, Jt. Secy.

**Note.**—The principal rules were published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i), *vide* notification number G.S.R.139(E), dated the 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 and subsequently amended *vide* notification number G.S.R.794(E), dated the 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2022 and *vide* notification number G.S.R. 275(E), dated the 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2023.