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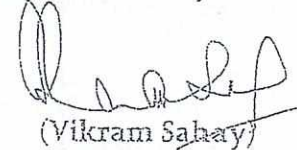
April 1, 2020

Office Memorandum

Subject: Writ Petition (Civil) No.468/2020 in Supreme Court of India in the case of Shri Alakh Alok Srivastava Vs Union of India

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2. It is requested that the aforementioned judgement of the Apex Court may be disseminated to all the stakeholders for appropriate action. Any advisory/communication sent by your organisation to the stakeholders may be endorsed to the undersigned at the earliest.



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To

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2. Secretary, Press Council of India
3. Secretary General, Indian Broadcasting Foundation

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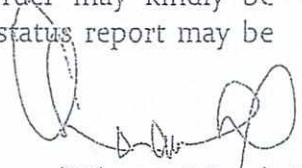
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2. It is requested that the aforementioned judgement of the Apex Court may be disseminated to all the stakeholders in the State/UTs for appropriate action. Action taken on each of the issues enumerated in the order may kindly be furnished to the undersigned by 6th April, 2020 so that the status report may be filed in the Hon'ble Supreme Court.



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PRESS RELEASE

PR/7/2020-PCI

Dated: 01/04/2020

The Press Council of India advises media to responsibly ensure dissemination of verified news on Covid-19 outbreak, based on the daily bulletin by the Government of India in terms of the Hon'ble Supreme Court's Order dated 31.3.2020.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, in W.P. {Civil}No 468/2020, has given the following directions:-

"In particular, we expect the media (print, electronic or social) to maintain a strong sense of responsibility and ensure that unverified news capable of causing panic is not disseminated. A daily bulletin by the Government of India through all media avenues including social media and forum to clear the doubts of people would be made active within a period of 24 hours as submitted by the Solicitor General of India. We do not intend to interfere with the free discussion about the pandemic, but direct the media refer to and publish the official version about the developments".

The Print media is required to take note of the above.




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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NEW DELHI, April 1, 2020.... News Broadcasters Association (NBA) welcomes the Supreme Court order dated 31.3.2020 and agrees that the media should report responsibly and weed out any "fake news" in social media while telecasting news on the Coronavirus crisis.

NBA is also pleased to learn that a daily bulletin by the Government of India through all media avenues including social media and forums will be made available to clear the doubts of people. This would help media immensely to clarify the doubts and enable them to do accurate reporting.

NBA appreciates that the Hon'ble Supreme Court has acknowledged the freedom of the press and has stated that it does not intend to interfere with the free discussion, debate and coverage about the pandemic.


Rajat Sharma
President