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Dated: 05/02/2026

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Subject:- Reg. standard operating procedure to curtail dissemination of Non-Consensual Intimate Imagery (NCII) content.

Madam/Sir,

Please find enclosed herewith copy of letter No. DIT-G/5/2021-IT-DIT-(E-51747)-231 dated 28/01/2026 received from Director, Department of Digital Technology and Governance Himachal Pradesh on the subject cited above for your information and necessary action.

Signed by
Akshey Sood
Date: 04-02-2026 13:13:19

Director
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Dated: 05/02/2026

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- 1) The Director, Department of Digital Technology and Governance Himachal Pradesh in reference to his letter mentioned above for kind information please.

[Allhod-hp] Regarding standard Operating Procedure to curtail dissemination of Non- Consensual Intimate Imagery (NCII) Content.

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Dear Sir/Madam,

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Government of Himachal Pradesh
Department of Digital Technologies & Governance

From

Director,
Department of Digital Technologies & Governance,
Government of Himachal Pradesh.

To

1. All the Administrative Secretaries to the, Government of Himachal Pradesh.
2. All the Heads of Department, Himachal Pradesh.
3. All the Deputy Commissioners, Himachal Pradesh.
4. All the Superintendent of Police, Himachal Pradesh.

Dated: Shimla-17/01/2026, the

28th January, 2026

Subject:

Regarding Standard Operating Procedure to curtail dissemination of Non-Consensual Intimate Imagery (NCII) content.

Sir/Madam,

With reference to the subject cited above, Standard Operating Procedure to curtail dissemination of Non-Consensual Intimate Imagery (NCII) content Under Clause (b) of sub-rule (2) of rule 3 of the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021 is formally circulated by Cyber-Laws Division, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India. A copy of SOP shared by MeitY is attached as Annexure-A for ready reference please.

NCII Content refers to the following:

- i. Content which is prima facie in the nature of any material which exposes the private area of an individual,
- ii. Content that shows an individual in full or partial nudity,
- iii. Content that shows or depicts an individual in any sexual act or conduct or
- iv. such artificially morphed images of an individual.

An individual may approach any of the following/adopt any of the following methods to report their grievance for removal of their NCII content:

- One Stop Centres (OSCs):

The affected individual (a female victim) or any person/entity/government agency, on her behalf may report the dissemination / circulation / availability of her NCII content to the nearest One Stop Centre (OSC) falling under the aegis of Ministry of Women and Child Development.

- Approach Intermediaries:

Individual or any person/entity/appropriate government or its agency on their behalf, can approach the concerned intermediary / website to remove the content either through their user reporting channel/ by contacting the concerned Grievance Officer [appointed by the intermediary in compliance of clause (a) sub rule (2) of Rule 3 of IT Rules, 2021] as per the details available on their website/App or by clicking the abuse/report button in the website / App or through the Trusted Content Flaggers onboarded by the intermediary. Additionally, individual may also report to the particular intermediary through NCRP (National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal) platform

through an integrated link : https://cybercrime.gov.in/Webform/report_abuse_social_media.aspx. In case the complainant receives no response from the Grievance Officer of the Intermediary within the stipulated time or is dissatisfied with the resolution offered by the Grievance Officer, the complainant may appeal before the Grievance Appellate Committee (GAC) established under Rule 3A of the IT Rules 2021 against such decision or their failure to act within applicable timelines. The URL for filing the appeal is "www.gac.gov.in".

- National Cybercrime Reporting Portal (NCRP):

Individual may report through the National Cyber Crime reporting Portal (NCRP) under the aegis of 14C (MHA), either through the online mode (at www.cybercrime.gov.in) or by dialling 1930.

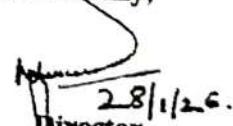
- Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) / Police Station:

Individual may file a complaint with the local law enforcement agencies i.e. the local police station.

Further, the notification issued on 6-11-2025 by the State Government authorizes officials to exercise powers under the IT (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Amendment rule 2025. These Standard operating procedures (SoPs), (i) provides guidance and procedure to be followed by an individual for curbing dissemination of their NCII content in cyber space and (ii) endeavours to ensure consistent and effective implementation of clause (b) sub rule (2) of rule 3 of the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021 as amended in 2025. Notification is attached as **Annexure-B** for ready reference please.

This SOP created by Cyber-Laws Division, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India is shared for your information and for further dissemination please.

Yours faithfully,



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Director,
Department of Digital Technologies & Governance,
Himachal Pradesh.

Dated:

28.01.2026

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Copy forwarded to:-

1. The Secretary (DT&G) to the, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171002, w.r.t letter No-E-25194 dated 08-12-2025 for the favour of information, please.



Director,
Department of Digital Technologies and Governance,
Himachal Pradesh.

Enclosures forwarded.

No. 4(35)/2025-CyberLaws
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New Delhi 110003
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Standard Operating Procedure to curtail dissemination of Non-Consensual Intimate Imagery (NCII) content – regarding

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In the matter of *X vs. Union of India* [Writ Petition (Civil) No. 25017 of 2025], the Hon'ble Madras High Court directed Ministry of Electronics & IT to provide a prototype / Standard Operating Procedure that a victim can follow in circumstances surrounding unauthorized dissemination of their Non-Consensual Intimate Images and Videos (NCII) in Online domain.

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- Considering the sensitive nature of the matter and the rapidly evolving technological landscape, a committee was constituted comprising representatives from concerned departments i.e., MeitY, DoT, MHA (14C), and MoWCD to formulate a Prototype/Standard Operating Procedure.
- Based on the deliberations of the committee, a Standard Operating Procedure to curtail dissemination of Non-Consensual Intimate Imagery (NCII) content (for short 'SOP'), which has been framed under Clause (b) of Sub-Rule (2) of Rule 3 of the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines & Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021 has been finalized and filed in the Madras High Court.
- The Hon'ble Madras High Court stated that the victims of NCII content ought to be made known about the procedure, which has been formulated so that the said victims could take effective action by following the steps detailed in the SOP and directed to take steps to give extensive publicity with regard to the framing of the SOP through print and electronic media.
- Further, the Hon'ble court added that the government agencies shall ensure that as and when any of the victims approach them as mentioned in SOP, diligent steps shall be taken to alleviate the grievance of the victims, without forcing them or pushing

them to resort to legal remedies as the dignity of women and children as enshrined under Article 21 of the Constitution of India is safeguarded.

6. In compliance with the directions of the Hon'ble Court, the concerned Ministries, Departments, and Agencies are requested to take appropriate measures to publicize the SOP including translating the SOP in local languages for wider reach, and to ensure that the concerned agencies/authorities are adequately informed of the steps to be followed upon receiving an NCII-related grievance from a victim.
7. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

[Signature]
AJIT KUMAR,
Joint Secretary,
Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology

Enclosed:

1. Standard Operating Procedure to curtail dissemination of Non-Consensual Intimate Imagery (NCII) content, Annexure-1
2. Gazette Notification-Amendment to IT Rules 2021-Rule 3(1)(d) amendment dated 22-10-2025, Annexure-2

To,

1. Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs
2. Secretary, Ministry of Women & Child Development
3. Secretary, Department of Telecommunications
4. The Chief Secretary, All State Governments / UT Administrations

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AJIT KUMAR,
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3. Secretary, Department of Telecommunications
4. The Chief Secretary, All State Governments / UT Administrations

[Signature]
AJIT KUMAR,
Joint Secretary,
Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology

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Standard Operating Procedure to curtail dissemination of Non-Consensual Intimate Imagery (NCII) content

**Under Clause (b) of sub-rule (2) of rule 3 of
the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code)
Rules, 2021**

Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology

October 2025

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1. Introduction:

a. The present SOP has been put in place, in line with the directions of the Hon'ble High Court of Judicature at Madras, in WP 25017/2025 wherein the Hon'ble Court, vide order dated 15.07.2025, directed the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology to "provide a prototype as to what a victim girl must do when faced with situations of dissemination of NCII content".

b. This document, constituting a standard operating procedure (SOP), (i) provides guidance and procedure to be followed by an individual for curbing dissemination of their NCII content in cyber space and (ii) endeavours to ensure consistent and effective implementation of clause (b) sub rule (2) of rule 3 of the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021 (hereinafter referred to as the IT Rules, 2021), by the intermediaries. Following information/ activities/ content as detailed in clause (b) sub rule (2) of rule 3 of IT Rules, 2021, shall be removed by the Intermediary from its platform when a request from an individual or an authorised representative or an appropriate government or its agency is received:

- i. Content which is *prima facie* in the nature of any material which exposes the private area of such individual,
- ii. Content that shows such individual in full or partial nudity,
- iii. Content that shows or depicts such individual in any sexual act or conduct or
- iv. such artificially morphed images of such individual.

c. The intermediaries shall remove/disable access to the flagged content:

A. Upon receiving Intimation under section 79(3)(b) read with rules 3(1)(d), from an appropriate government or its agency as being reproduced herein below:

79. Exemption from liability of intermediary in certain cases

(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force but subject to the provisions of sub-sections (2) and (3), an intermediary shall not be liable for any third party information, data, or communication link made available or hosted by him.

(2) The provisions of sub-section (1) shall apply if —

(a) the function of the intermediary is limited to providing access to a communication system over which information made available by third parties is transmitted or temporarily stored or hosted; or

(b) the intermediary does not —

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- (i) Initiate the transmission;
- (ii) select the receiver of the transmission, and
- (iii) select or modify the information contained in the transmission;
- (c) the intermediary observes due diligence while discharging his duties under this Act and also observes such other guidelines as the Central Government may prescribe in this behalf.

(3) The provisions of sub-section (1) shall not apply if—

- (a) the intermediary has conspired or abetted or aided or induced, whether by threats or promise or otherwise in the commission of the unlawful act;
- (b) upon receiving actual knowledge, or on being notified by the appropriate Government or its agency that any information, data or communication link residing in or connected to a computer resource controlled by the intermediary is being used to commit the unlawful act, the intermediary fails to expeditiously remove or disable access to that material on that resource without vitiating the evidence in any manner.

Explanation.—For the purpose of this section, the expression “third party information” means any information dealt with by an intermediary in his capacity as an intermediary

Extracts of rule 3(1)(d) of the IT Rules 2021:

An intermediary, on whose computer resource the information is stored, hosted or published, upon receiving actual knowledge in the form of an order by a court of competent jurisdiction or on being notified by the Appropriate Government or its agency under clause (b) of sub-section (3) of section 79 of the Act, shall not host, store or publish any unlawful information, 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:

Provided that any notification made by the Appropriate Government or its agency in relation to any information which is prohibited under any law for the time being in force shall be issued by an authorised agency, as may be notified by the Appropriate Government:

Provided further that if any such information is hosted, stored or published, the intermediary shall remove or disable access to that information, as early as possible, but in no case later than thirty-six hours from the receipt of the court order or on being notified by the Appropriate Government or its agency, as the case may be:

Provided also that the removal or disabling of access to any information, data or communication link within the categories of information specified under this clause, under clause (b) on a voluntary basis, or on the basis of grievances received under sub-rule (2) by such intermediary, shall not amount to a violation of the conditions of clauses (a) or (b) of sub-section (2) of section 79 of the Act;

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B. Upon receiving intimation from an individual under the Grievance redressal mechanism of intermediary as per rule 3(2)(b) and 3(2)(c) of the IT rules 2021 as being reproduced herein below:

Extracts of rule 3(2)(b) and 3(2)(c) of the IT Rules 2021:

(b) The Intermediary shall, within twenty-four hours from the receipt of a complaint made by an individual or any person on his behalf under this sub-rule, in relation to any content which is prima facie in the nature of any material which exposes the private area of such individual, shows such individual in full or partial nudity or shows or depicts such individual in any sexual act or conduct, or is in the nature of impersonation in an electronic form, including artificially morphed images of such individual, take all reasonable and practicable measures to remove or disable access to such content which is hosted, stored, published or transmitted by it:

(c) The Intermediary shall implement a mechanism for the receipt of complaints under clause (b) of this sub-rule which may enable the individual or person to provide details, as may be necessary, in relation to such content or communication link.

d. The scope of this SoP does not cover any content related to a third person, which may be considered obscene or otherwise unlawful.

Disclaimer:

(a) This document lays out a standard operating procedure/guidelines for takedown of content under clause (b) of sub-rule (2) of rule 3 of the IT Rules, 2021, as a supporting document and does not seek to replace, amend or alter any part of the IT Rules, 2021 and in no manner should be considered as part of the IT Rules, 2021.

(b) This SoP is an evolving document and hence the versions of this document may undergo change. It is requested that the concerned stakeholders verify the latest version on MeITY website and ensure that the latest version is used at any given time.

2. Purpose of the SoP:

The SoP provides guidance and procedure for an individual seeking to request an intermediary or an appropriate government or its agency, either directly or through a duly authorised person or entity or appropriate government or its agency, for removal or disabling access of any information, data or communication link residing on the platform of the intermediary, which violates the privacy of the individual as detailed in para 1(b) of this SoP and as prescribed in;

- a. Information Technology Act, 2000 including Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021
- b. The Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act, 1986;
- c. Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

3. Guidelines for individuals requesting NCII content removal:

An individual may approach any of the following/adopt any of the following methods to report their grievance for removal of their NCII content [as described in 1(b) of this SoP]:

One Stop Centres (OSCs):

Reporting:

The affected individual (a female victim) or any person/entity/government agency, on her behalf may report the dissemination / circulation / availability of her NCII content to the nearest One Stop Centre (OSC) falling under the aegis of Ministry of Women and Child Development¹.

Action to be taken by OSCs:

The OSCs, upon receipt of such grievance from an individual:

- a. Shall provide assistance with the NCRP portal, to the individual (National Cybercrime Reporting Portal accessible at "www.cybercrime.gov.in");

¹ The contact details of OSCs are available on Mission Shakti Portal developed by Ministry of Women and Child Development, available at <https://missionshakti.wcd.gov.in/statisticsOsc>

- b. May provide legal and/or psychological counselling to the individual, if requested by the individual;
- c. May provide assistance with filing of complaint with the LEAs (law enforcement agencies / police station) of appropriate jurisdiction, if requested by the individual;
- d. May assist the individual to get legal assistance through District Legal Service Authority (DLSA) or empanelled lawyers, if requested by the individual.

Approach Intermediaries:

Reporting:

- a. Individual or any person/entity/appropriate government or its agency on their behalf, can approach the concerned intermediary / website to remove the content either through their user reporting channel/ by contacting the concerned Grievance Officer [appointed by the intermediary in compliance of clause (a) sub rule (2) of Rule 3 of IT Rules, 2021] as per the details available on their website/App or by clicking the abuse/report button in the website / App or through the Trusted Content Flaggers onboarded by the intermediary.
- b. Additionally, Individual may also report to the particular intermediary through NCRP (National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal) platform through an integrated link : https://cybercrime.gov.in/Wet_form/report_abuse_social_media.aspx
- c. In case the complainant receives no response from the Grievance Officer of the Intermediary within the stipulated time or is dissatisfied with the resolution offered by the Grievance Officer, the complainant may appeal before the Grievance Appellate Committee (GAC) established under Rule 3A of the IT Rules 2021 against such decision or their failure to act within applicable timelines. The URL for filing the appeal is "www.gac.gov.in".

Action to be taken by Intermediaries:

The Intermediaries shall align their community guidelines (and similar terms and conditions forming part of the contracts entered in with the users) as per the provisions of the IT Rules, 2021.

Upon receipt of such grievance (as mentioned above) from an individual;
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- a. The intermediaries shall remove/disable access to the content within 24 hours of reporting by the individual, as prescribed in clause (b) sub rule (2) of Rule 3 of IT Rules, 2021, for violation of their community guidelines and shall also acknowledge the same to the complainant.
- b. SSMIs shall deploy crawler technology/other similar technology to identify the hashes collated with the reported NCII content and shall takedown similar content as soon as possible in other URLs/sources, for prevention of further uploads of such identified NCII content, as prescribed in sub-rule (4) of rule 4 of the IT Rules, 2021
- c. The hashes so collated shall also be communicated to I4C through the Sahyog Portal (if onboarded) for creation and maintenance of secure hash banks, to prevent resurfacing of the flagged content.
- d. Intermediaries shall periodically inform the individual about the removal of the flagged content as well as the resurfaced content.
- e. Intermediaries, which are in the nature of search engines, shall also de-index any such content from the search results.
- f. The Intermediaries, in case of content posted on other websites, shall immediately report the same to I4C through Sahyog Portal if onboarded, for immediate action and also intimate the same to the individual.
- g. The content delivery networks (CDNs) and Domain Name Registrars (DNRs) shall render the flagged content inaccessible, either by deregistering the website hosting the flagged content or by directing the website owner to remove the content from the source, as early as possible but not beyond 24 hours.
- h. The CDNs and DNRs shall also ensure that the content if uploaded through different URLs, be rendered inaccessible, within 24 hours of detection by them or brought to their notice by the individual or authorized Government agency or entity or LEAs.

National Cybercrime Reporting Portal (NCRP):

Reporting:

Individual may report through the National Cyber Crime reporting Portal (NCRP) under the aegis of I4C (MHA), either through the online mode (at www.cybercrime.gov.in) or by dialling 1930.

Action to be taken:

- a. Standard Operating Procedure for the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal details the procedure for handling 'NCII' complaints including initiation of investigation and expedited removal of such content.
- b. In case of content circulating on social media, the same can be actioned through issuance of notices to expeditiously remove or disable access to that material under clause (b) of sub-section (3) of section 79 of the Information Technology Act, 2000 r/w clause (d) of sub-rule (1) of Rule 3 (of IT Rules, 2021, for removal of the flagged content as soon as possible but not beyond 24 hours, as prescribed in clause (b) sub rule (2) of Rule 3 of IT Rules, 2021.
- c. Content (other than that hosted upon social media platforms) may be actioned through Intimation to DoT (Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications) for appropriate action.

Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) / Police Station:

Reporting:

Individual may file a complaint with the local law enforcement agencies i.e the local police station.

Action to be taken:

- a. The LEAs shall immediately report the flagged content on NCRP and also through Sahyog Portal and intimate the same to the individual;
- b. The LEAs may register the complaint of the individual, if requested by the individual and initiate appropriate legal action;
- c. The LEAs may assist the individual in connecting with the nearest One Stop Centre (OSC), if requested by the individual for psychological counselling and/or legal assistance.

General Coordination & Follow-up:

- a. I4C, MHA through the NCRP shall act as the aggregation point, for all NCII content removal requests/grievances received from OSCs, LEAs and those directly reported to NCRP.
- b. I4C, MHA shall also act as the aggregation point for the secure NCII hash bank to be created and maintained in conjunction with inputs from intermediaries.

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- c. DoT shall coordinate with the internet service providers to block the access to the flagged URLs/links, based upon the reference received from the appropriate Government or its agency/LEAs/I4C.
- d. MeitY (Ministry of Electronics and Information Communication Technology) shall coordinate with the intermediaries along with other stakeholders, for compliance in a timely manner.

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इसेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय
विभाग

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 (यष्ठ) 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) नियम, 2025 है।

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

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

”(य) कोई मध्यवर्ती, जिसके कंप्यूटर संराधन 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; मानवानि; उपर्युक्त के संबंध में किसी अपराध के उद्दीपन से संबंधित तत्समय प्रवृत्त किसी विधि के अधीन प्रतिपिद्ध है, अथवा ऐसी किसी सूचना के संबंध में है जो तत्समय प्रवृत्त किसी विधि के अधीन प्रतिपिद्ध है, अधिनियम की धारा 79 की उप-धारा (3) के छंड (ख) के तहत वास्तविक जानकारी प्राप्त होने पर ऐसी सूचना को वास्तविक जानकारी प्राप्त होने के छहसीस घंटों के भीतर हटाएगा या उस तक पहुंच को अक्षम करेगा; और ऐसी वास्तविक जानकारी केवल निम्नलिखित तरीकों से उत्पन्न होगी, अर्थात्:—

- (i) सम्बन्ध 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 अवश्यक, आनुपातिक हैं और अधिनियम की धारा 79 की उप-धारा (3) के छंड (ख) तथा इस छंड के अनुरूप हैं।

(ii) लागू किए गए कानूनी आधार और वैधानिक प्रावधान, गैरकानूनी कृत्य की प्रकृति, और विशिष्ट पूनिक्रौर्म 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]

अर्जीत कुमार, संयुक्त सचिव

टिप्पण.—मूल नियम भारत के राजपत्र, असाधारण, मार्ग II, छंड 3, उप-छंड (i) में अधिसूचना संख्यांक सा.का.नि. 139(अ), तारीख 25 फरवरी, 2021 द्वारा प्रकाशित किए गए ये और उत्पस्थात् अधिसूचना संख्यांक सा.का.नि. 794(अ), तारीख 28 अक्टूबर, 2022 और अधिसूचना संख्यांक सा.का.नि. 275(अ), तारीख 6 मार्च, 2023 द्वारा संशोधित किए गए हैं।

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 (2) and (2g) 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 15th 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 authorized 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;".

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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 25th February, 2021 and subsequently amended vide notification number G.S.R.794(E), dated the 28th October, 2022 and vide notification number G.S.R. 275(E), dated the 6th April, 2023.

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Notification

Whereas, the Govt. of India vide Notification dated 22.10.2025 has notified the Information technology Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code Amendment rules 2025 and they shall come into force on the 15th day of November, 2025.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Information Technology (Intermediary guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Amendment Rules 2025, dated 22.10.2025, the Governor of Himachal Pradesh is pleased to authorize the following officers for discharging the functions as provided for by the aforesaid amendment rule in accordance with the rule 3, in sub rule(1), for clause (d):-

Sr. No.	Purpose of authorization	Officers authorized
1.	Officers authorized for purpose of issuing intimation by the appropriate Government or its agency	1. Director, Department of Information and Public Relation 2. The Additional Director General of Police, Law & Order H.P. 3. Additional Director General of Police, State (CID) 4. Inspector General of Police, Intelligence, CID, H.P. 5. Inspector General of Police (Crime)
2.	Officer authorized for the purpose of periodic review of all intimations under Clause 2 (d)	Administrative Secretary, Department of Information and Public Relation

By Order

Chief Secretary to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh

Encl. No. IT-A003/3/2025-(E-303698) dated Shimla 2 the 06.11.2025
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4. The Addl. Director General of Police, State CID, Himachal Pradesh
5. All Deputy Commissioners, Himachal Pradesh
6. All Superintendent of Police, Himachal Pradesh
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Signed by

Vijay Kumar Chauhan

Date: 09-11-2025 12:23:14

Secretary (D.P&G) to the

Government of Himachal Pradesh