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PUBLISHER MEMBERS AND AUDITORS

NOTIFICATION NO. 754

Guidelines for new Publisher Members having average circulation below 15,000 copies for a title

Bureau's Council of Management at its recent meeting considered the existing Bureau's guidelines pertaining to maintenance of books and records by publisher members. In order to encourage small publications to have their circulation figures certified by the Bureau and to minimise record keeping by such small publications, Council decided to simplify the guidelines for maintenance of books of accounts and other documents for a satisfactory circulation audit for such publications having average circulation upto 15,000 copies for a title. The prescribed requirements stands revised as under w.e.f. 1st January, 2006.

I) PRINT ORDER

Consolidated print order may be prepared

II) NEWSPRINT CONSUMPTION REGISTER

Periodic reconciliation of newsprint consumption and wastage to be carried out as under –

i)	Daily Publications	 Fortnightly
ii)	Weekly	 Monthly
iii)	Monthly & Others	 Half-yearly

III) NEWSPRINT STOCK REGISTER

One consolidated register showing all receipts and consumption of newsprint with the necessary details may be considered as adequate.

IV) MACHINE ROOM RETURNS

Details should atleast include start and finish time preferably with machine break timings.

V) AGREEMENT WITH OUTSIDE PRINTERS

No formal agreement necessary. Instead, printer's bills and/or statement of account, with correspondence to cover the supply of newsprint, conversion of reels into sheets and percentage of wastage etc. to be maintained.

VI) AGENTS' SUPPLY REGISTER

Details of total copies supplied to the agent – paid & free copies to be maintained. Details of unsolds to be maintained

VII) CASH SALES RECORDS

Centre wise details of copies supplied to hawkers in cash and cash received to be maintained

VIII) RETURNS REGISTER

Unsold / returns register to be maintained

IX) POSTAGE / DESPATCH RECORD FOR SUBSCRIBERS

Details of subscription copies despatched to be maintained

X) BANKING OF CASH COLLECTION

Banking of cash collection only relating to sale of copies to be banked on the following day.

XI) ADVANCE WRITTEN INDENTS / MONTHLY CONFIRMATIONS

This requirement is waived. Auditors may however seek direct confirmations from the agents.

XII) CASH COVERING NOTES

This requirement is waived.

Sd /-Secretary General