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Advisory for Publishers/ Owners of Newspapers (no. 6 of 2023)

Subject: Mandatory Adherence to Aadhar Card Information in RNI Application Forms for Registration of Newspapers - Regd.

The Office of the Registrar of Newspapers for India (RNI) is poised to unveil the e-seva portal for RNI in December 2023. This portal is designed to streamline the online application process for all procedures related to Newspaper Registration and associated activities. Additionally, the proposed portal will incorporate an **Aadhar-based e-sign** facility, enhancing user convenience in conducting business activities.

- 2. Given that the existing data of Owners, Publishers, Printers, and Editors will be transitioned to the online RNI portal in the coming months, it is requested that Publishers submitting declarations for registration adhere to the details specified in their Aadhar Cards. It is imperative that the particulars, including the name and other details of the Publisher, Printer, Owner, or Editor, align precisely with those indicated on their Aadhar cards.
- 3. For non-individual owners, the name provided in the declaration form should correspond with the information on the GST certificate and the PAN card.
- 4. In the proposed online portal, applications wherein the user's name does not match with Aadhar details, will be subject to rejection. Consequently, publishers submitting registration applications in offline mode (until the launch of the new portal) are urged to incorporate Aadhar card details in their application forms. This measure is essential for ensuring a seamless transition to the upcoming online portal.

Publishers are hereby advised to consult the RNI website for additional information on this matter. For further guidance, a dedicated helpline is at the disposal of publishers, accessible via telephone at 011-24369980, and through email at it-helpdesk.rni@gov.in.

5. This issues with the approval of the Press Registrar.

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