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Dated ...23-01-12....

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Director General
All India Radio
Akashvani Bhawan, New Delhi

Ref: Article 19.1 (C) of Constitution
Circular No.B.12017/34/2011 – WL dated 12.01.2012 issued by your office

Sub: Request to withdraw the circular in reference which against the constitutional rights

Sir,

I request your kind attention to the circular in reference through which your office banned the registered Associations in the department!

It may kindly be noted that Article 19.1(C) of the Constitution of India provides "**Protection of certain rights regarding freedom of speech etc for All citizens shall have the right to form associations or unions**". Learned Counsel on behalf of both The Secretary, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting and the Prasar Bharati reiterated the same in Hon'ble High Court & Principal Bench of CAT Delhi by clarifying that department has not opposing the fundamental rights of formation & Functioning of Association but only withdrawn the special privileges for Recognised Associations.

Your goodself may also aware that being a registered Association, after completing the formalities from the authority concerned – like Registrar of Society/ Labour Commissioner etc – it is the fundamental right of the Associations to use the letter heads to take up various matters of the employees whom they represents with various authorities.

It may kindly be noted that the Recognised Association enjoys extra privileges such as:

1. Negotiation with the employer,
2. official correspondence & Meetings from the Head of Administrative department,
3. provision of accommodation for the service Association, facility of special CL upto 20 days for the office bearers,
4. payment of TA/DA for attending officially sponsored meetings and
5. Facility of seeking transfer of Association to the headquarters of the appropriate head of administration.

The counsel for the department clarified in Hon'ble courts that the privileges of recognized association will be extended to those associations after the recognition process is over.

Being the national Broadcaster, AIR & DD are determined to ensure the protection of constitutional rights of the population of the country.

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