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Applications invited for appointment of whole time members of Grievance Appellate Committee(s) to consider appeals against decisions of Grievance Officers of intermediaries, including social media intermediaries, on complaints of violation of the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021

The Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021¹ made under the Information Technology Act, 2000 require intermediaries, including social media intermediaries, to observe due diligence while discharging their duties. Such due diligence includes the requirement that the intermediary shall make reasonable efforts to cause its users not to host, display, upload, modify, publish, transmit, store, update or share certain types of information. It also requires that the intermediary have a Grievance Officer to whom users or victims may complain about violation of the rules. A person aggrieved by a decision of the Grievance Officer may prefer an appeal to the Grievance Appellate Committee, consisting of a chairperson and two whole time members. The committee shall adopt an online dispute resolution mechanism, wherein the entire appeal process, from filing of appeal to the decision thereof, shall be conducted through digital mode. Government may establish multiple such committees.

Applications are invited from eligible candidates for the position of whole time member of Grievance Appellate Committee(s).

The remuneration of the member shall consist of consolidated pay of Rs. 1,75,000 per month, a fixed allowance of Rs. 75,000 per month in lieu of facility of house and car, and reimbursement of premium for health insurance to the extent of Rs. 50,000 per annum. Detailed terms and conditions and the application form are available on

https://www.meity.gov.in/appointment_of_whole-time_independent_members_of_Grievance_Appellate_Committee

Last date for receipt of applications is 12th January 2023. Applicants may send by email the scanned copy of their duly completed application form, along with their *curriculum vitae*, to Group Coordinator (Cyber Law Division), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology at cyberlaw-legal@meity.gov.in.

¹https://upload.indiacode.nic.in/showfile?actid=AC_CEN_45_76_00001_200021_1517807324077&type=rule&filename=it_rules_comprehensive_updated_oct_22.pdf

Detailed terms and conditions for appointment of whole time members of Grievance Appellate Committee(s) to consider appeals against decisions of Grievance Officers of intermediaries, including social media intermediaries, on complaints of violation of the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021

1. Eligibility criteria:

- (a) The applicant should be a citizen of India and a holder of a Bachelor's degree.
 - (b) The applicant should have held a position that is—
 - (i) not less than two levels below that of a director of a company, or the member of the governing body (by whatever name called) of any other body corporate, which is either a listed entity or has paid-up equity capital of at least Rs. 100 crore or has an annual turnover of at least Rs. 500 crore as per its last audited financial statement; or
 - (ii) not less than two levels below that of the head of an academic or policy research institution;
 - (iii) not below a Joint Secretary to the Government of India or equivalent in the Central Government or a State Government, or in any attached office or subordinate office or public sector enterprise of such a government, or in a statutory or autonomous body under the administrative purview of such a government.
 - (c) The applicant should have special knowledge of, or practical experience of at least five years in making policies or administering programmes for, or otherwise effectively advancing the cause of,—
 - (i) responsible use of information; or
 - (ii) a safe, trusted and accountable cyber space; or
 - (iii) empowerment of women or protection of children; or
 - (iv) security of the State or criminal justice.
 - (d) The applicant should have experience of expressing in writing consideration by her/him of matters requiring identification of issues between contending parties or points of view and deciding or otherwise articulating her/his view in a speaking and reasoned manner.
 - (e) The applicant should have knowledge or experience of applying in practical contexts provisions of law that help protect citizens and society from information that may be harmful.
 - (f) The applicant should have knowledge or experience of the functioning of online intermediaries, including social media intermediaries.
 - (g) The applicant should be proficient in the use of digital means for online disposal of work.
 - (h) The applicant should have a track record and general repute of adhering to high standards of integrity and ethical conduct.
2. **Age:** Not less than 40 years but not exceeding 65 years, on the last date for submission of applications.
3. **Remuneration:** The remuneration of the member shall consist of consolidated pay of Rs. 1,75,000 per month, a fixed allowance of Rs. 75,000 per month in lieu of facility of house and car, and reimbursement of premium for health insurance to the extent of Rs. 50,000 per annum.
4. **Term of office:** Three years from the date of assumption of office as member, or till attainment of the age of 68 years, whichever is earlier. However, an individual appointed as member may be removed from office, after due inquiry and giving an opportunity of being heard, on the ground of misconduct (which will include dereliction or non-performance of duties as member), or physical incapacity, or unsoundness of mind, or insolvency, or conviction for an offence involving moral turpitude, or engagement in any other paid employment, or deciding a matter despite having conflict of interest, or furnishing as part of the appointment process information that is

false or omits to specify material facts. Further, a member may demit office by giving in writing advance notice of at least one month to the Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology of her/his intention to so demit.

5. **Other terms and conditions:** Leave as admissible to Central Government employees, subject to the stipulation that members may be required to also dispose of urgent work during the period of leave. Further, members may be required to furnish declarations, undertakings and disclosures to ensure absence of conflict of interest in the discharge of their functions and duties, which may be on lines of disclosures that an independent director of a company or a listed entity is required to make under the law applicable to such directors.
6. **Submission of application:** Applicants may send by email the scanned copy of their duly completed application form, along with their *curriculum vitae*, to Group Coordinator (Cyber Law Division), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology at cyberlaw-legal@meity.gov.in.
7. **Last date for receipt of applications:** Last date for receipt of applications is 12th January 2023.

Notes:

- (i) Appointments will be made on the recommendations of a search-cum-selection committee, which will be free to also identify and recommend, based on suitability, any person other than those who apply for the advertised position. Further, where the committee is satisfied in respect of outstanding individuals, the committee may also consider and recommend individuals in relaxation of the eligibility criteria.
- (ii) The Government reserves the right to cancel or withdraw the selection and appointment process at any stage, without assigning reasons.

APPLICATION FORM

Post applied for: Whole time member of the Grievance Appellate Committee(s) to consider appeals against decisions of Grievance Officers of intermediaries, including social media intermediaries, on complaints of violation of the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021

Affix your Passport size photograph duly signed across

To:

The Group Coordinator (Cyber Law)
 Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
 Electronics Niketan, 6, CGO complex
 Lodhi Road, New Delhi – 110 003
 Email: cyberlaw-legal@meity.gov.in

1.	Name in full (in block letters):				
2.	Father's/Husband's name:				
3.		Day	Month	Year	
	Date of birth:				
4.	Nationality:				
5.	(a) Academic qualification details:				
	Qualification	Board, university etc.	Year of acquiring the qualification	Subject	Percentage
	(b) Professional qualification details:				
	Qualification	Board, university etc.	Year of acquiring the qualification	Subject	Percentage
6.	Eligibility criteria:		Details regarding fulfilment of the criteria		
	(a) Holding of a position that is— (i) not less than two levels below that of a director of a company, or the member of the governing				

<p>body (by whatever name called) of any other body corporate, which is either a listed entity or has paid-up equity capital of at least Rs. 100 crore or has an annual turnover of at least Rs. 500 crore as per its last audited financial statement; or</p> <p>(ii) not less than two levels below that of the head of an academic or policy research institution; or</p> <p>(iii) not below a Joint Secretary to the Government of India or equivalent in the Central Government or a State Government, or in any attached office or subordinate office or public sector enterprise of such a government, or in a statutory or autonomous body under the administrative purview of such a government:</p>	
<p>(b) Special knowledge of, or practical experience of at least five years in making policies or administering programmes for, or otherwise effectively advancing the cause of,—</p> <p>(i) responsible use of information; or</p> <p>(ii) a safe, trusted and accountable cyber space; or</p> <p>(iii) empowerment of women or protection of children; or</p> <p>(iv) security of the State or criminal justice:</p>	
<p>(c) Experience of expressing in writing consideration by the applicant of matters requiring identification of issues between contending parties or points of view and deciding or otherwise articulating her/his view in a speaking and reasoned manner:</p>	
<p>(d) Knowledge or experience of</p>	

	applying in practical contexts provisions of law that help protect citizens and society from information that may be harmful:	
	(e) Knowledge or experience of the functioning of online intermediaries, including social media intermediaries:	
	(f) Proficiency in the use of digital means for online disposal of work:	
10.	Contact details:	
	Address:	
	Email:	
	Mobile:	
11.	Any other relevant information in support of application:	

DECLARATION:

I do here by declare that all statements made in this application are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that if the information furnished by me in this form or my *curriculum vitae* submitted with this form is found to be false or omits to specify material facts, or is incomplete, my candidature may be rejected and, in case I have been appointed as member, my appointment is liable to be terminated without any compensation or recourse.

Attachment: *Curriculum vitae*

Date:		Signature of applicant:	
Place:		Name of applicant:	