

Department: Inspection	Segment: All
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Subject: Advisory on compliance with Section 42 and 46 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 and rules thereunder

To All Members,

SEBI has directed the Exchange to inform all Members / Intermediaries by way of an advisory for necessary compliance with the provisions of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 and Rules thereunder (wherever applicable) specifically the following provisions:

Section 42: Access to information and communication technology.

The appropriate Government shall take measures to ensure that, —

- I. all contents available in audio, print and electronic media are in accessible format;
- II. persons with disabilities have access to electronic media by providing audio description, sign language interpretation and close captioning;
- III. electronic goods and equipment which are meant for everyday use are available in universal design.

Section 46: Time limit for accessibility by service providers.

The service providers whether Government or private shall provide services in accordance with the rules on accessibility formulated by the Central Government under section 40 within a period of two years from the date of notification of such rules:

Provided that the Central Government in consultation with the Chief Commissioner may grant extension of time for providing certain category of services in accordance with the said rules.

Rule 15 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules, 2017: Rules for Accessibility

1. Every establishment shall comply with the following standards relating to physical environment, transport and information and communication technology, namely: -
 - a. standard for public buildings as specified in the Harmonised Guidelines and Space Standards for Barrier Free Built Environment for Persons with Disabilities and Elderly Persons as issued by the Government of India, Ministry of Urban Development in March, 2016;
 - b. standard for Bus Body Code for transportation system as specified in the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, vide number G.S.R. 895(E), dated the 20th September, 2016;
 - c. Information and Communication Technology-
 - i. website standard as specified in the guidelines for Indian Government websites, as adopted by Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, Government of India;

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- ii. documents to be placed on websites shall be in Electronic Publication (ePUB) or Optical Character Reader (OCR) based pdf format:

Provided that the standard of accessibility in respect of other services and facilities shall be specified by the Central Government within a period of six months from the date of notification of these rules.

2. The respective Ministries and Departments shall ensure compliance of the standards of accessibility specified under this rule through the concerned domain regulators or otherwise.

All the members and their constituents are hereby requested to take note of the same and ensure compliance with the provisions of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 and Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules, 2017 thereunder.

In case of any query kindly contact Inspection Department on (022) 6112 9000 or mail on compliancemsx@msei.in.

**For and on behalf of
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