

## **Registrar (J) (Budget)**

May kindly see the online application received from Sri Virek Aggarwal, Additional Civil Judge (Senior Division)/Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Prayagraj, (presently attached to Hon'ble High Court, Allahabad) for grant of permission for publication of an Original Article titled "***Tendering CCTV Footage in Evidence: Practical aspects***", as papers have been invited for Third International Conference on Information Security, Privacy and Digital Forensics, being organized by National Forensic Science University & NIT Surat.

In his application, Sri Virek Aggarwal has stated that he has written an Original Article titled "***Tendering CCTV Footage in Evidence: Practical aspects***", as papers have been invited for the Third International Conference on Information Security, Privacy and Digital Forensics, being organized by National Forensic Science University & NIT Surat and last date for sending the same is August 31, 2024. He has, therefore, requested for grant of permission for sending it for publication for the above Conference scheduled to be held on 18-19 October 2024 in Hybrid Mode. He has also attached draft article for kind perusal of the Hon'ble Court.

In this connection, it is submitted that such type of permission may be considered as per sub Rule (2) of Rule 6 of U.P. Government Servants' Conduct Rules 1956, titled Connection with press or radio, which is reproduced as below:-

*"No Government servant shall, except with the previous sanction of the Government or any other authority empowered by it in this behalf, or in the bona fide discharge of his duties, participate in a radio broadcast or contribute any article or write any letter, either anonymously or in his own name or in the name of any other person, to any newspaper or periodical:*

*Provided that no such sanction shall be required if such broadcast or such contribution is of a purely literary, artistic or scientific character.*

Here, it is also worth seeing Rule 7 of U.P. Government Servants' Conduct Rules 1956, titled Criticism of Government, which is reproduced as below:-

*"No Government servant shall, in any radio broadcast or in any document published anonymously or in his own name, or in the name of any other person, or in any communication to the press, or in any public utterance, make any statement of fact or opinion:*

*(i) which has the effect of any adverse criticism of any decision of his superior officers, or of any current or recent policy or action of the Uttar Pradesh Government or the Central Government or the Government of any other State or a local authority; or*

*(ii) which is capable of embarrassing the relation between the Uttar Pradesh Government and the Central Government or the Government of any other State, or*

*(iii) which is capable of embarrassing the relations between the Central Government and the Government of any foreign State:*

*Provided that nothing in this rule shall apply to any statement made or views expressed by a Government servant in his official capacity or in due performance of the duties assigned to him."*

As such, if the application of the officer is considered, it may be considered

subject to the conditions mentioned in Rule 7 of U.P. Government Servants' Conduct Rules 1956.

Under the facts and details mentioned above, if approved, the matter may be laid before the single Hon'ble Judge Committee of Hon'ble Mr. Justice Anjani Kumar Mishra for His Lordship's kind perusal, and if His Lordship approves, Sri Virek Aggarwal, Additional Civil Judge (Senior Division)/Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Prayagraj, (presently attached to Hon'ble High Court, Allahabad) may be granted permission for publication of an Original Article titled "***Tendering CCTV Footage in Evidence: Practical aspects***", as papers have been invited for Third International Conference on Information Security, Privacy and Digital Forensics, being organized by National Forensic Science University & NIT Surat, as requested, subject to the conditions, as defined in Rule 7 of U.P. Government Servants' Conduct Rules 1956, mentioned above?

Munmun Narang, S.O.

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**Hon'ble Mr. Justice Anjani Kumar Mishra,**

**Nominated Judge**

Submitted for kind perusal & order

Registrar (Judicial) (Budget)

