

### **Advisory for members on communication through electronic media**

It has come to our notice that communication through electronic media containing abusive and disparaging remarks are being circulated in public forums by some members. These communications are being made by members which are neither having any constructive substance nor carrying any information that relate to furtherance of the profession. The language used in such communications is clearly derogatory and it is obviously being circulated by members with ulterior motive. The communications are also derogatory and defamatory in nature aimed at abusing the Institute / Council Members / President / Vice-President / Officials of the Institute and Government, thereby maligning their image, which is in violation of the CWA Act, Rules and Regulations

Members having queries or grievances should write to the officials of the Institute only and the same will be addressed appropriately. It is to be noted that such derogatory and defamatory communications made in public domain are highly unethical making the senders liable for misconduct under the Cost and Works Accountants Act, 1959 as amended, and the Rules and Regulations framed thereunder. Such an act of the members would tantamount to misconduct in terms of Clause (2) of Part IV of First Schedule and Clause (1) of Part II of Second Schedule of the Cost and Works Accountants Act, 1959 and disciplinary proceedings thereof and would also be a valid and justified cause for legal and penal action.

Members are, therefore, advised to refrain from making such communications in public forum which are derogatory, defamatory and offensive. It also tarnishes the image of the entire membership fraternity in general and the Institute in particular and brings disrepute to the profession and the Institute which ultimately leads to loss of professional opportunities for members.

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