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Advisory for members and non-members on communication through any media on any forum

Further to advisory issued on 9th October, 2015, it has come to our notice that communication through electronic or other media containing abusive and disparaging remarks are being circulated in public forums by some members and non-members. The communications made are neither having any constructive substance nor carry any such useful information that may help in relation to furtherance of the profession. The language used in such communications is clearly derogatory and is obviously being circulated with ulterior motive. The communications are also derogatory and defamatory in nature generally aimed at abusing the Institute / Council Members / President / Vice-President / Officials of the Institute and also the Government/ Ministry, thereby maligning their image, which is clearly in violation of the CWA Act, Rules and Regulations.

It is observed that members having any query or grievance without writing to the officials of the Institute are continuing to write such derogatory and defamatory communications in public domain, which 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 the disciplinary proceedings would be valid and justified cause for legal and penal action.

Members in particular and the public at large are, therefore, once again advised to refrain from making any communications in public forum which may be derogatory, defamatory and offensive. Even otherwise the members are refrained from making any communication in public forum or write directly to the Government on any item concerning the functioning of the Institute / Council or that relating to the profession in general. All such acts also tarnish the image of the entire membership fraternity in general and the Institute in particular and bring disrepute to the profession and the Institute which ultimately leads to loss of professional opportunities for members.

In case of continuance of any such communications, the Institute will be constrained to initiate suo motu disciplinary proceedings and/or take legal and penal action against the offenders.

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