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Respected Sir/Madam,

In continuation to our earlier communication D.O. No.91-3/2020 (GS) dated 05th June, 2023 regarding implementation of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013, it is informed that The Hon'ble Supreme Court vide its order dated 12th May, 2023 has directed to issue the following directions so as to fulfill the promise that the PoSH (Prevention of Sexual Harassment) Act holds out to working women all over the Country:-

- I. The Union of India, all State Governments and Union Territories are directed to undertake a timebound exercise to verify as to whether all the concerned Ministries, Departments, Government Organizations, authorities, Public Sector Undertakings, Institutions, bodies, etc. have constituted ICCs/ LCs/ ICs, as the case may be and that the composition of the said Committees are strictly in terms of the provisions of the PoSH Act.
- II. It shall be ensured that necessary information regarding the constitution and composition of the ICCs/ LCs/ ICs, details of the e-mail IDs and contact numbers of the designated person(s), the procedure prescribed for submitting an online complaint, as also the relevant rules, regulations and internal policies are made readily available on the website of the concerned Authority/ Functionary/ Organization/ Institution/ Body, as the case may be. The information furnished shall also be updated from time to time.
- III. A similar exercise shall be undertaken by all the Statutory Bodies of professionals at the Apex level and the State level (including those regulating doctors, lawyers, architects, chartered accountants, cost accountants, engineers, bankers and other professionals), by universities, colleges, Training Centres and educational institutions and by government and private hospitals/ nursing homes.
- IV. Immediate and effective steps shall be taken by the authorities/ managements/ employers to familiarize members of the ICCs/ LCs/ ICs with their duties and the manner in which an inquiry ought to be conducted on receiving a complaint of sexual harassment at the workplace, from the point when the complaint is received, till the inquiry is finally concluded and the Report submitted.

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- V. The authorities/ managements/ employers shall regularly conduct orientation programmes, workshops, seminars and awareness programmes to upskill members of the ICCs/ LCs/ ICs and to educate women employees and women's groups about the provisions of the Act, the Rules and relevant regulations.
- VI. A copy of this judgment shall be transmitted to the Secretaries of all the Ministries, Government of India who shall ensure implementation of the directions by all the concerned Departments, Statutory Authorities Institution, Organizations etc. Under the control of the respective Ministries. A copy of the judgment shall also be transmitted to the Chief Secretaries of all the States and Union Territories who shall ensure strict compliance of these directions by all the concerned Departments. It shall be the responsibility of the Secretaries of the Ministries, Government of India and the Chief Secretaries of every State/ Union Territory to ensure implementation of the directions issued.

I write this to request you to kindly take appropriate necessary action in this regard. It is also requested that the above information may be disseminated to your affiliated colleges and that compliance be ensured.

You are also requested to fill in details regarding compliance with the above points, through online mode on the form available on the SAKSHAM portal i.e. (saksham.ugc.ac.in) and the UAMP portal (uamp.ugc.ac.in) for the year 2022-23, at the earliest.

Yours sincerely,



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