## Supreme Court Mandates Self-Declaration by Advertisers

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Recently, the <u>Supreme Court of India</u> has ordered that all advertisers/Advertising Agencies must submit a '**Self-Declaration Certificate'** before publishing or broadcasting any advertisement.

- This aims to ensure transparency, consumer protection, and responsible advertising practices.
- These will apply to all new advertisements from 18<sup>th</sup> June 2024.
- It will also ensure compliance with all relevant regulatory guidelines, including those given in Rule 7 of the Cable Television Networks (CTN) Rules, 1994 and the Norms of Journalistic Conduct of the Press Council of India.
  - **Rule 7 of CTN** provides that advertisements must comply with Indian laws and avoid offending the morality, decency, and religious sensitivities of viewers.
- A certificate signed by an authorised representative of the advertiser can be submitted in Broadcast Seva Portal (For TV/Radio Advertisements) and Press Council of India portal (For Print and Digital Media Advertisements).
- Advertisers need to provide proof of uploading the Self-Declaration Certificate to the relevant broadcaster, printer, publisher, or electronic media platform for their records.

**Read more**: <u>Regulating Misleading Advertisements in India</u>, <u>Changes in Cable Television Network Rules</u>, <u>Disclosure of Journalistic Sources</u>

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