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Press Council of India takes suo-motu cognizance on the news item appeared in the Telegraph dated 17/03/2020 for projection of the first citizen of India in an satirical manner.

New Delhi, March 17: The Press Council of India (PCI) Chairman, Justice Chandramauli Kumar Prasad has noted with concern the satirical use of the name of the Hon'ble President of India in the news headlines of the Telegraph in its front page reportage in its issue dated 17/03/2020.

Taking suo-muto cognizance on the issue, the Hon'ble Chairman has issued Show Cause Notice to the Editor of the Telegraph for violation of Norm 17(i)(a)(b) and 31(vi) of Norms of Journalistic Conduct and prima facie of the opinion that satirical comments, ridiculing and denigrating the first citizen of the country is uncalled for and beyond the call of fair journalistic comment.

