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Mr. Justice Markandey Katju,
Chairman,
Press Council of India,
New Delhi.

Sir,

Sub: Assault on a photo-journalist by an MLA in the Meghalaya Assembly premises – suo motto action sought – Regarding.

The Indian Journalists Union (IJU), the premier organisation of working journalists in the country, would like to bring to your kind notice the incident in which a Congress MLA Mr. Founder Strong Cajee assaulted a photo-journalist Mr. Walton Lyttan, a photo journalists working with a Guwahati based News Photo Agency on 19th March 2012.

The photo journalist caught Mr. Cajee dozing off in the Assembly chamber in his camera during a session. The photo was published by several local newspapers in Meghalaya. When the photographer went to the Assembly on 19th March for coverage, the MLA abused him for taking his picture while in the Assembly Chamber and assaulted him. The fellow journalists took the badly bruised photographer to the Shillong Civil Hospital for treatment. The report of the incident was widely reported in newspapers published in the North-East.

This is a clear case of attack on the freedom of the press. We request you to kindly take up the case suo motto and take suitable steps to initiate an enquiry and proceed against the erring law maker.

We are attaching a copy of the report appeared in Assam Tribune, an English daily published from Guwahati.

With Best Regards,

Yours Sincerely,

S N Sinha
President

Devulapall Amar
Secretary-General

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