

Complaint Chart: January – December 2012

Month	Received	Resolved	Out of mandate	Sub-judice	Complainant did not proceed	Editor did not proceed	Pending
January	08 (S-05, T-02, E-00) (01-not against media)	1	3	0	2	0	0
February	09 (S-04, T-02, E-01) (02-not against media)	3	3	1	2	0	0
March	17 (S-09, T-04, E-04) (00-not against media)	2	6	0	8	0	0
April	09 (S-01, T-05, E-01) (02-not against media)	5	4	0	0	0	0
May	24 (S-07, T-08, E-05) (04-not against media)	10	6	0	8	0	0
June	21 (S-09, T-07, E-03) (02 not against media)	11	5	0	5	0	0
July	15(S-10, T-04, E-01) (00 not against media)	7	1	2	5	0	0
August	23 (S-07, T-03, E-10) (03 not against media)	10	4	1	8	0	0
September	13 (S-05, T-04, E-01) (03 not against media)	6	4	0	0	0	1
October	15 (S-10, T-02, E-02) (01-not against media)	5	1	1	6	0	0
November	05 (S-04, T-01, E-00) (00-not against media)	2	1	0	2	0	0
December	17 (S-16, T-00, E-01) (00-not against media)	10	1	1	3	0	1
Total	176 (S-87, T-42, E-29) (18-not against media)	72	39	6	49	0	2

January

File number	Date of complaint	Complainant's name and address	Newspaper	Details of complainant	Position
PCCSL/01/01/2012	January 02, 2012	Mr. D. Chaminda Prasad, Avisawella	Irida Divaina	Inaccurate report. Received complaint January 02. Sent Complaint Form and letter Jan 02. Received Jan 12. Forwarded to editor Jan 12. Reminder sent to Editor April 26. Submitted to DRC on June 28, 2012 for review. Issued statement forwarded to editor July 05. Not published. Reviewed by PCCSL Board of Directors stand by DRC statement. Mr. Siri Ranasinghe requested to talk to editor. PCCSL met editor Jan. 17 while distributing Annual Report and reminded.	EDITOR DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL/02/01/2012	January 02, 2012	Mr. N. J. Felistous, Journalist, Mannar	Sri TV (not against a newspaper)	Complaint not against a newspaper. Re-payment of news used. Complaint does not fall within purview of PCCSL	OUT OF MANDATE
PCCSL/03/01/2012	January 02, 2012	Mrs. S. D. Nandini, Mannar District Secretary	Thinakkural Weekly	Copy of complaint forwarded to PCCSL. Inaccurate reporting. RoR published.	RESOLVED
PCCSL/04/01/2012	January 06, 2012	Mr. K. K. Sumanadasa, School Protection Society, Paiyagala.	Divaina	Complaint received via fax. Called for clarification Jan 09, 2012. No response from complainant.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL/05/01/2012	January 06, 2012	Mr. R. Undugoda, Convener, Sri Lankan Private Security Officers' Welfare Foundation, Ja Ela.	Irida Divaina	Complaint against an advertisement about private security firms.	OUT OF MANDATE
PCCSL/06/01/2012	January 09, 2012	Mr. S. Abey Siriwardene, Matara	Lanka	Complaint against Lanka newspaper which closed in Sept-Oct 2011. Unable to entertain complaint. Complaint does not fall within purview of PCCSL. Newspaper re-	EDITOR DID NOT PROCEED

				started April 2012 complainant sent fresh complaint May 21. Sent Complaint Form and letter calling for details. June 05 received Complaint Form and RoR. RoR is incomplete, spoke to complainant June 05. Called again July 25. Spoke to complainant August 15 letter also sent re-clarification. Clarification received September 04 and forwarded to Editor September 07. Met Actg. Editor October 10. Spoke to Editor October 18 said will reply by October 23. Spoke to Editor October 24 said needs another week to reply Met editor Jan. 16 while distributing Annual Report and reminded him. Reminder sent Feb. 01 spoke to editor Feb.15	
PCCSL/07/01/2012	January 10, 2012	Mr. D. Dayananda, Polonnaruwa	Divaina	Sent Complaint Form and called for more details of complaint. Await reply. Complainant insists on compensation.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL/08/01/2012	January 30, 2012	Mr. J. Anver, Kinniya 02	Thinnakural	Complained about Samurdhi Coupon distribution among recipients. Stories not published. Complaint does not fall within the complaint process.	OUT OF MANDATE

Total No. of complaints	08(S-05 , T-02 , E-00, Complaint not concerning newspaper - 01)
Resolved	01
Pending	00
Out of mandate	03 (Complaint not concerning newspaper-01)
Sub-judice	00
Complainant did not proceed	02
Editor did not proceed	02

February

File number	Date of complaint	Complainant's name and address	Newspaper	Details of complainant	Position
PCCSL/01/02/2012	February 10, 2012	Mr. Ruchira Hewawansa, Proprietor Pharmacy, Colombo 05	Rupavahini -Not against newspaper	Carried visuals of his pharmacy with a story about another pharmacy that sold drugs without prescriptions. Complaint not concerning published material in newspaper. Out of PCCSL process.	OUT OF MANDATE
PCCSL/02/02/2012	February 14, 2012	Mr. C. M. N. de Silva, Retired High Court Judge, Nugegoda	Daily Mirror	Inaccurate reporting and defamatory. Await receipt of Complaint Form and correction. Complainant did not want to proceed.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL/03/02/2012	February 14, 2012	Mr. C. M. N. de Silva, Retired High Court Judge, Nugegoda	Lankadeepa	Inaccurate reporting and defamatory. Await receipt of Complaint Form and correction. Complainant did not want to proceed.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL/04/02/2012	February 16, 2012	Mr. P. Alex Kumara, Jaffna	Dan TV - Not against newspaper	Incorrect information given in news about his private cable TV connection. Out of PCCSL process.	OUT OF MANDATE
PCCSL/05/02/2012	February 17, 2012	Mr. M. Mujeeb, Bus Conductor CTB Akkaraipattu	Thinakkaran	Inaccurate report about 20 arecanut bags in bus obstructing seating. There were only five bags containing lime fruits. Contacted newspaper for correction. Complainant visited PCCSL and RoR on March 12. Forwarded to Editor March 12. Published March 14.	RESOLVED
PCCSL/06/02/2012	February 15, 2012	Mr. Chathuranga de Alwis, Borlasgamuwa	Irida Lankadeepa	Private institutions advertising classes for Law College admissions appearing on January 29 is inappropriate since it misguides the people. Complaint does not fall within the PCCSL process.	OUT OF MANDATE
PCCSL/07/02/2012	February 21, 2012	Mr. R. Kasun Darmawickrema, Bus driver, Ambalangoda	Rivira	Story inaccurate states that police stopped him for driving while talking on mobile telephone. When police were recording his statement that he never grabbed it from them. A court case is also ongoing. Request him to clarify.	SUB-JUDICE
PCCSL/08/02/2012	February 21, 2012	Mr. A. M. Hayath Mohamed,	Vaara Uraikal (Tamil	An incorrect report regarding mosque activities. ROR sent direct to newspaper and published.	RESOLVED

		Kathankudy	regional newspaper		
PCCSL/09/02/2012	February 22, 2012	Mr. R. S. W. Wijesinghe, businessman, Chilaw	Irida Janarala (JVP breakaway group newspaper)	Copy of complaint forwarded to PCCSL Feb 22 re-published photograph of his store with security camera in Feb 12 issue front page. Incorrect story stating that drugs are hidden inside. Spoke to Editor Feb 22. Promised to publish clarification soon. Since RoR has not been published, PCCSL forwarded to Editor March 05 and spoke to Editor to carry RoR. Published March 11 with Editor's note	RESOLVED

Total No. of complaints	09(S-04 , T-02 , E-01, Complaint not concerning newspaper - 02)
Resolved	03
Pending	00
Out of mandate	03 (Complaint not concerning newspaper-02)
Sub-judice	01
Complainant did not proceed	02
Editor did not proceed	00

March

File number	Date of complaint	Complainant's name and address	Newspaper	Details of complainant	Position
PCCSL/01/03/2012	March 02, 2012	Mrs. Sriyani Chandrika, housemaid, Ragama	Rajina (women newspaper published by Sumathi Group)	A group photograph of her in the airport has been used in a story on prostitution. Complaint Form forwarded March 02. Complainant did not want to proceed.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL/02/03.2012	March 02, 2012	Mrs. Sriyani Chandrika, housemaid, Ragama	Lakbima	A photograph of her pushing her trolley in the airport has been used in a story on foreign prostitution. Complaint Form forwarded March 02. Complainant did not want to proceed.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL/03/03/2012	March 05,	Mr. M. L.	Thinnakura	Inaccurate story about Tamil girl	COMPLAINANT

	2012	Cassim, Proprietor Muslim Hotel, Puloly, Jaffna	I (Jaffna Edition)	raped by Muslim youth, she is pregnant and youth absconding. No police complaint made. Await Police Report that she was not raped. Reviewed by PCCSL Board in August 2012 and decided to close. Complainant did not proceed.	DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL/04/03/2012	March 06, 2012	Mr. M. C. M. Shafran, son of Muslim Hotel proprietor, Puloly, Jaffna	Thinnakura I (Jaffna Edition)	Second news item published March 06. Story is that Muslim youth arrested over rape of Tamil girl. Malicious story. Complainant visited PCCSL and asked to intervene. PCCSL spoke to newspaper and told them to be careful not to spread rumors through their newspapers and also not to spread communal discord. Newspaper said will publish RoR. Reviewed by PCCSL Board in August 2012 and decided to close. Complainant did not proceed.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL/05/03/2012	March 13, 2012	Mr. N. Sethurupan, Norway News, Norway	The Island	Received complaint via e-mail. Asian Tribune was order by the Swedish Court to pay US \$ 20,000 as damages of a defamation case against complainant on Feb 24, 2012. Articles have appeared in local newspapers that are incorrect. E-mailed requesting more details and RoR. Since complaint is against articles published in 2006 and 2007 – complaint does not fall within the purview of the PCCSL. Out of Mandate.	OUT OF MANDATE
PCCSL/06/03/2012	March 13, 2012	Mr. N. Sethurupan, Norway News, Norway	Divaina	Received complaint via e-mail. Asian Tribune was order by the Swedish Court to pay US \$ 20,000 as damages of a defamation case against complainant on Feb 24, 2012. Articles have appeared in local newspapers that are incorrect. E-mailed requesting more details and RoR. Since complaint is against articles published in 2006 and 2007 – complaint does not fall within the purview of the PCCSL. Out of Mandate.	OUT OF MANDATE
PCCSL/07/03/2012	March 13, 2012	Mr. N. Sethurupan, Norway News,	Lankadeepa	Received complaint via e-mail. Asian Tribune was order by the Swedish Court to pay US \$ 20,000 as damages	OUT OF MANDATE

		Norway		of a defamation case against complainant on Feb 24, 2012. Articles have appeared in local newspapers that are incorrect. E-mailed requesting more details and RoR. Since complaint is against articles published in 2006 and 2007 – complaint does not fall within the purview of the PCCSL. Out of Mandate.	
PCCSL/08/03/2012	March 13, 2012	Mr. N. Sethurupan, Norway News, Norway	Daily News	Received complaint via e-mail. Asian Tribune was order by the Swedish Court to pay US \$ 20,000 as damages of a defamation case against complainant on Feb 24, 2012. Articles have appeared in local newspapers that are incorrect. E-mailed requesting more details and RoR. Since complaint is against articles published in 2006 and 2007 – complaint does not fall within the purview of the PCCSL. Out of Mandate.	OUT OF MANDATE
PCCSL/09/03/2012	March 13, 2012	Mr. N. Sethurupan, Norway News, Norway	Sunday Observer	Received complaint via e-mail. Asian Tribune was order by the Swedish Court to pay US \$ 20,000 as damages of a defamation case against complainant on Feb 24, 2012. Articles have appeared in local newspapers that are incorrect. E-mailed requesting more details and RoR. Since complaint is against articles published in 2006 and 2007 – complaint does not fall within the purview of the PCCSL. Out of Mandate.	OUT OF MANDATE
PCCSL/10/03/2012	March 19, 2012	Mr. Gemunu Wijeratne, Chairman, Private Bus Operators Association, Colombo	Rivira weekly	March 18 political article on page 04 his name appears that he is going to Geneva for the Human Rights Motion against Sri Lanka. This story is incorrect. Copy of RoR given to PCCSL. Published March 19 in Rivira daily since it was an urgent matter.	RESOLVED
PCCSL/11/03/2012	March 21, 2012	Mr. B. S. Guneratne, Director, National Zoological Gardens,	Lakbima	March 05 story that Seventeen Cray fish have died without oxygen. Story incorrect they did not die due to a shortage of oxygen. Inquiry is on. Copy of complaint sent to PCCSL. Complaint Form faxed March 21.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED

		Dehiwela		Complainant did not proceed.	
PCCSL/12/03/2012	March 21, 2012	Mr. B. S. Guneratne, Director, National Zoological Gardens, Dehiwela	Rivira	March 05 story that Seventeen Cray fish have died without oxygen. Story incorrect they did not die due to a shortage of oxygen. Inquiry is on. Copy of complaint sent to PCCSL. Complaint Form faxed March 21. Complainant did not proceed.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL/13/03/2012	March 21, 2012	Mr. A. Satchithanandam, Jaffna	Thinakkural (Jaffna Edition)	Re-horoscope published under his name not clear. Request more details and sent Complaint Form March 21. Complaint Form received April 19, RoR not received. Sent letter to complainant April 19. Complainant did not proceed.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL/14/03/2012	March 21, 2012	Mr. M. I. Rahmathullah, Editor, Varauraiykal	Varauraiykal (regional newspaper Kathankudi, Batticaloa)	Letter of demand has been sent to Editor by a reader seeking Rs. 5 m in damages for incorrect article. Editor complained to us. Complaint does not fall within purview of PCCSL.	OUT OF MANDATE
PCCSL/15/03/2012	March 26, 2012	Mr. D. G. Abeygunewardene, Lanka HBS Buddhist Organization, Nugegoda	Irida Divaina	Received complaint March 26 against February 26 incorrect photograph re-religious movement in North. Gave Complaint Form March 26. Received March 27 incomplete. Received RoR forwarded to editor March 29. Reminder sent to Editor April 27. Submitted to DRC on June 28, 2012 for review. Issued statement forwarded to editor July 05. Not published. Reviewed by PCCSL Board of Directors stand by DRC statement. Mr. Siri Ranasinghe requested to talk to editor. Met Jan. 17 and reminded.	EDITOR DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL/16/03/2012	March 27, 2012	Ms. Chandrika Sakalasuriya, Provincial Councilor, Western Provincial Council, Divulapitiya	Mawbima	Received complaint via fax. Spoke to complainant and faxed Complaint Form March 27. Complainant did not proceed.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL/17/03/2012	March 29, 2012	Mr. Shaun Humphries, National Institute of Mental Health,	Daily Mirror	Complaint sent via e-mail. Accepted. Called complainant on March 29. Requested RoR. Received letter and Complaint Form March 30. Forwarded to editor April 04. Called	RESOLVED

		Angoda		April 05 re-RoR said will reply. Received a statement not RoR on April 09 via e-mail. Forwarded letter to editor to Sinha for approval April 10. Ok. Delivered April 16. Complainant satisfied with statement.	
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Total No. of complaints	17(S-09 , T-04 , E-04, Complaint not concerning newspaper - 00)
Resolved	02
Pending	00
Out of mandate	06 (Complaint not concerning newspaper-00)
Sub-judice	00
Complainant did not proceed	08
Editor did not proceed	01

April

File number	Date of complaint	Complainant's name and address	Newspaper	Details of complainant	Position
PCCSL/01/04/2012	April 02, 2012	Brig. G. V. Ravipriya, Director Media (Army), Colombo	Daily Mirror	Complainant states that the words 'Army Captain' used in story re-Gillian Andersons's property court case is incorrect. Copy of complaint received April 02. Spoke to complainant and editor April 04. Informed complainant that it is a court story and cannot alter the words. Complainant accepted.	RESOLVED
PCCSL/02/04.2012	April 17, 2012	Mr. K. Kandeepan, Hatton	Thinakaran Vara Manjali	Newspaper runs a crossword quiz competition. Won and not yet received prize even after six months. Complaint does not fall within the purview of the PCCSL, however informed editor.	OUT OF MANDATE
PCCSL/03/04/2012	April 17, 2012	Mr. K. Kandeepan, Hatton	Sudar Oli	Newspaper runs a crossword quiz competition. Won and not yet received prize even after six months. Complaint does not fall within the purview of the PCCSL, however informed editor.	OUT OF MANDATE

PCCSL/04/04/2012	April 19, 2012	Dr. Renuke Senaratna, Director, South Asian Institute of Technology and Management, Malabe.	Divaina	Visited office and lodged complaint against incorrect article published as page one lead on April 18. Copy of complaint handed to PCCSL. Complaint Form handed over April 19. Spoke to News Editor April 19. Published RoR on page one (middle) April 20.	RESOLVED
PCCSL/05/04/2012	April 24, 2012	Mr. M. M. Fahmy, Trustee Dharga Town Mosque, Beruwela.	Virakesari	Third Party Complaint. Incorrect age of Mosque in Dambulla given. The sub head of story says 10 years for the age of the Mosque, when the story says 60 years. Complainant says misleading headline. After inquiry wrote to Editor asking to correct it. Correced April 25.	RESOLVED
PCCSL/06/04/2012	April 24, 2012	Mr. Shaun Humphries, National Institute of Mental Health, Angoda	Newsfirst.lk (not against a newspaper)	Received via e-mail. The complaint is not against a newspaper. However spoke to Newsfirst and sent letter drawing their attention. Complaint does not fall within purview of the PCCSL.	OUT OF MANDATE
PCCSL/07/04/2012	April 24, 2012	Mr. Sasi Kumar, e-mail no address	Not against newspaper	Received via e-mail. Complaint not against newspaper. He has been personally threatened by LTTE. Complaint does not fall within purview of PCCSL.	OUT OF MANDATE
PCCSL/08/04/2012	April 27, 2012	Mr. Moulavi Mubarak, Secretary General, Council of All Ceylon Jamiyyathul Ulama, Colombo 10	Thinakkural	Incorrect story calling for Black Friday today (April 27). They have also advertised in newspapers not to get involved in such activity. RoR sent direct to newspaper April 27. Published April 28.	RESOLVED
PCCSL/09/04/2012	April 30, 2012	Mr. K. Chandrakumar, Accountant, Zonal Education Office, Kilinochchi	Thinamurasu	Inaccurate report about a financial transaction concerning Education Office and School in Kilinochchi. RoR sent to newspaper direct with copy to PCCSL. PCCSL spoke to Editor on April 30. RoR published May 01.	RESOLVED

Total No. of complaints	09(S-01 , T-05, E-01, Complaint not concerning newspaper - 02)
Resolved	05

Pending	00
Out of mandate	04 (Complaint not concerning newspaper-02)
Sub-judice	00
Complainant did not proceed	00
Editor did not proceed	00

May

File number	Date of complaint	Complainant's name and address	Newspaper	Details of complainant	Position
PCCSL/01/05/2012	May 02, 2012	Mr. K. Chandrakumar, Accountant, Zonal Education Office, Kilinochchi	Thinakkural (Jaffna Edition)	Inaccurate report about a financial transaction concerning Education Office and School in Kilinochchi. RoR prepared. Sent Complaint Form and letter calling for details May 03. Received documents May 10 forwarded to Editor May 10. Published in newspaper June 14, 2012	RESOLVED
PCCSL/02/05/2012	May 03, 2012	Chairman, Sigiriya National Heritage Protection Society, Sigiriya	Not against a newspaper	Request moving of Bar and Casino Club in Hotel from vicinity of Sigiriya rock. Complaint does not fall within the purview of the PCCSL.	OUT OF MANDATE
PCCSL/03/05/2012	May 02, 2012	Mr. A. M. E. Paul, Director, Provincial Educational Office, Eastern Provincial Council	Virakesari	He has written to the newspaper reporter asking why he has published such a story. Wrote to complainant on May 02 and told him he can write to PCCSL and sent Complaint Form with letter calling RoR. Await reply. Reviewed by PCCSL Board in August 2012 and decided to close. Complainant did not proceed.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL/04/05/2012	May 04, 2012	Mr. K. Samarajeewa, Attorney-at-Law, Avisawella (on behalf of complainant)	Daily News	Spoke to Attorney, explained process and faxed Complaint Form. Will study the process and get back to PCCSL. Reviewed by PCCSL Board in August 2012 and decided to close. Complaint did not want to proceed.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL/05/05/2012	May 03, 2012	Mr. N. Suseelan, President Rural Development	Virakesari	Written to PCCSL to take action against journalist for carrying inaccurate story. Wrote to him on May 14 explaining PCCSL process and	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED

		Society, Jaffna		advised to send RoR and Complaint Form. Await reply. Reviewed by PCCSL Board in August 2012 and decided to close. Complainant did not proceed.	
PCCSL/06/05/2012	May 04, 2012	Mr. S. Pranavanathan , Assistant Commissioner, Local Government , Jaffna	Udayan	Photograph of damaged road is demeaning his office. Wrote to him on May 14 stating that the photograph is not a violation of the Code and to send why it affects his office. Sent complaint Form as well. Spoke to complainant May 25 and explained that there is no violation.	RESOLVED
PCCSL/07/05/2012	May 09, 2012	Mr. N. J. Udugama, Ambakotte	Randiva	Crossword puzzle clue is incorrect. Forwarded complaint to Editor May 10. This should not be repeated as it is misleading.	RESOLVED
PCCSL/08/05/2012	May 09, 2012	Mr. M. S. Jayasinghe, Officer, Co-Operative Medical Centre, Matale	Sirasa FM	Misleading information on Sirasa FM radio programme Sulankapolla. Complaint outside of the PCCSL process	OUT OF MANDATE
PCCSL/09/05/2012	May 14, 2012	Mr. Udayalal Samaraweera, Tyre Corporation Trade Union, Kelaniya	Newspaper not indicated	The complaint is a third party complaint. Called for details and sent Complaint Form. Reviewed by PCCSL Board in August 2012 and decided to close. Complainant did not proceed	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL/10/05/2012	May 14, 2012	Mr. Uvindu Kurukulasuriya, UK	Ravaya	Published inaccurate article. Reply sent April 25, not published. Sent Complaint Form May 15. Online chat with complainant on May 16 regarding complaint. Complainant said to wait this week and will respond to PCCSL. Reviewed by PCCSL Board in August 2012 and decided to close. Complainant did not want to proceed.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL/11/05/2012	May 15, 2012	Ms. Indranee Subramaniam, Nuwara Eliya	Sudar Oli	Winner of crossword competition prize money not paid. No details of which one she had won. Although this complaint is outside the PCCSL process, wrote to her for details.	OUT OF MANDATE
PCCSL/12/05/2012	May 15, 2012	Ven. K. Dharmarakkitha Thera, Kuda Wewa	Irida Lankadeepa	Pasal danawa column has been stopped by newspaper, request continuing it.	OUT OF MANDATE
PCCSL/13/05/2012	May 18,	Mr. S.	Udayan	Inaccurate report published on May	COMPLAINANT

	2012	Sudharshan, Proprietor, Kumaran Builders, Chunakkam, Jaffna		17. Called for more details on May 21 and sent Complaint Form. Await reply. Reviewed by PCCSL Board in August 2012 and decided to close. Complainant did not proceed.	DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL/14/05/2012	May 21, 2012	Mr. P. G. Wimalasiri Gallage, former journalist Lankadeepa	Lankadeepa	Complaint is regarding EPF payment and compensation from other institutions. Forwarded to Editor. Complaint does not fall within purview of PCCSL	OUT OF MANDATE
PCCSL/15/05/2012	May 22, 2012	Mr. H. M. Rohan Weerasinghe, Kurunegala	Lakbimane ws	Re-article quoting a Principal of a School in Kuliypitiya and the parent's comments are reported inaccurately. Sent Complaint Form and letter calling for details May 22. Await reply. Reviewed by PCCSL Board in August 2012 and decided to close.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL/16/05/2012	May 22, 2012	Mr. Shaun Humphries, National Institute of Mental Health, Angoda	Ceylon Today	Received complaint via e-mail May 21 and by post on May 22 with Complaint Form. Concerning suicide of doctor. Forwarded to editor the Code and guidelines for future reporting on suicide cases especially among mental patients.	RESOLVED
PCCSL/17/05/2012	May 24, 2012	Mr. R. A. Jayaratne, Hokandara	The Island	Complainant has sent a letter to the editor in reply to a story 'Alliance Francaise de Kotte' appearing in the newspaper. Third party complaint. Forwarded ROR to Editor May 29. Spoke to Editor July 10 said that he is sending article to counter another article adverse against the institution for which he is writing for published.	RESOLVED
PCCSL/18/05/2012	May 25, 2012	Mr. S. Yogarajah, Teacher, Kahawatte	Virakesari Online	Inaccurate news item published on May 16 re-four school children missing from Kahawatte School and found in Pettah. Sent Complaint Form and instructions to follow. Third Party Complaint. Complaint Form and clarification received June 20. Forwarded to editor June 21. RoR published June 30.	RESOLVED
PCCSL/19/05/2012	May 28, 2012	Mr. P. M. Thameen Ansar, Udathalawinna	Vidivelli	Complainant has sent stories for publication but newspaper has no complied. Out of mandate but forwarded article with letter to	RESOLVED

				Editor	
PCCSL/20/05/2012	May 28, 2012	Mr. C. D. Chandrasena, Medirigiriya	Irida Lankadeepa	Complaint against an Ayurvedic Notice re-massages by women. It is in bad taste. Complaint forwarded to Advertising manager with copy to editor. Out of mandate.	RESOLVED
PCCSL/21/05/2012	May 28, 2012	Ms. M. H. Sriyalatha, Walagedera	Newspaper sales agent (Sinhala)	Request to sell Lankadeepa newspapers. Out of Mandate. Told her to contact the Circulation Manager.	OUT OF MANDATE
PCCSL/22/05/2012	May 28, 2012	Mr. Mohamed Riza, General Secretary, Association for Community Development, Colombo 09	Lakbima	Incorrect reports. E-mailed letter calling for more details and copies of newspaper articles that are incorrect. Await reply. Reviewed by PCCSL Board in August 2012 and decided to close.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL/23/05/2012	May 28, 2012	Dr. T. Muthulingam, Proprietor, Royal Medical Clinic, Vavuniya	Thinnakura I	Inaccurate report about welfare organizations in Vavuniya. Called for more details as to his connection with the complaint, sent Complaint Form May 29. Received Complaint Form and article June 20. It is not a violation informed complainant by letter June 21.	RESOLVING
PCCSL/24/05/2012	May 31, 2012	Ayur. Dr. Nilruk Silva, Panadura	Subasetha	Journalist did an interview on the Ayur. Dr. and published extracts of it in newspaper. Complainant states that what was discussed was not written. PCCSL looked at the article and found nothing derogatory of the complainant. Sent Complaint Form and letter May 31. Complainant Form received with unclear clarification July 20. Spoke to complainant July 24. August 14 written to complainant stating that the article is not derogatory of him.	RESOLVED

Total No. of complaints	24(S-07 , T-08, E-05, Complaint not concerning newspaper - 04)
Resolved	10
Pending	00
Out of mandate	06 (Complaint not concerning newspaper-03)
Sub-judice	00

Complainant did not proceed	08
Editor did not proceed	00

June

File number	Date of complaint	Complainant's name and address	Newspaper	Details of complainant	Position
PCCSL/01/06/2012	June 01, 2012	Mr. E. V. Arunachalem, President Board of Trustees, Sithi Vinayagar Temple, Vavuniya	Virakesari	Inaccurate report about Kovil administration. Sent letter June 05, calling for RoR and Complaint Form. Received June 20. Clarification not prepared for publication. Request complainant to call PCCSL Secretariat to assist in RoR. Complainant did not contact PCCSL.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL/02/06/2012	June 01, 2012	Mr. M. Chandrakumar, MP and Deputy Chairman Committees Parliament of Sri Lanka	Thinnakural Jaffna Edition	Inaccurate report re-meeting in Jaffna. Incomplete RoR. Sent letter June 05 calling for accurate RoR based on published news item and Complaint Form. Sent corrected ROR to editor June 14. RoR published June 25 in Jaffna Edition.	RESOLVED
PCCSL/03/06/2012	June 05, 2012	Mr. E. M. Ariyaratne, Secretary, School Development Society, Ranasinghe Premadasa National School, Hasalaka	Lankadeepa	Fax complaint received. Sent letter June 06, calling for paper cutting and details of complaint and Complaint Form. Received above on June 30. Forwarded to editor July 04 and copy to complainant. Editor replied July 13 stating no violation. Forwarded to complainant July 16 with Code and copy to editor.	RESOLVED
PCCSL/04/06/2012	June 06, 2012	Mr. Vijitha Kumara Weerasinghe, Horana	Dinamina	Father handed over son a suspect in an assault case to police but story in newspapers is that he was arrested while hiding in the jungle. Father tells court incorrect reports. Father is not complaining but drawing the attention to the wrong report in spite of a free media. Letter sent to Editor,	RESOLVED

				News Editor for necessary action highlighting the Code and copied to complainant.	
PCCSL/05/06/2012	June 07, 2012	Mr. Nuski Mohamed, Treasurer, Sri Lanka Cricket	Daily Mirror	Inaccurate report about finances. Complaint sent direct to Editor copy to PCCSL. Sent e-mail with Complaint Form. Published clarification.	RESOLVED
PCCSL/06/06/2012	June 07, 2012	Mr. Upali Dharmadasa, President, Sri Lanka Cricket	Daily Mirror	Inaccurate report about staff strength. Complaint sent direct to Editor copy to PCCSL. Sent e-mail with Complaint Form. Published clarification.	RESOLVED
PCCSL/07/06/2012	June 11, 2012	Ayur. Dr. A. M. S. Alagiyawana, Ruwanwella	No name of newspaper mentioned	Complaint is regarding a political issue. Out of PCCSL process.	OUT OF MANDATE
PCCSL/08/06/2012	June 14, 2012	Mr. Mahinda Dodampegama, Mayor Municipal Council Nuwara Eliya	Divaina	Incorrect report re-Nuwara Eliya Municipal Council administration. Complainant has sent clarification to editor May 14. Clarification published. However, unhappy about reports written by journalist. Requested PCCSL to conduct an impartial inquiry. Sent Complaint Form and letter explaining PCCSL position in resolving complaints. Incorrect stories should be checked.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL/09/06/2012	June 18, 2012	Dr. L. D. Chandrasiri, Colombo 06.	Rivira	Story on CT Scan in Anuradhapura being mishandled. Visited office gave complaint. Handed Complaint Form June 18. Also told him to send RoR. RoR received June 21. Forwarded to editor June 22. Called Jan. 22 and left message at home since he is not picking up mobile. Called Feb. 01 said that the inquiry is over and he has been transferred to Colombo. In the light of which not to proceed.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL/10/06/2012	June 18, 2012	Mr. S. S. M. Rohana Dharmadasa, Commissioner Municipal Council, Anuradhapura	Dinamina	Inaccurate report re-dengue drive. Sent Complaint Form and called for details June 19. June 29 received Complaint Form and clarification. Forwarded to editor July 02. Reminder sent to editor with copy to News Editor Oct. 12. News Editor called and told PCCSL that the news item is correct. PCCSL asked him to send in writing. Informed complainant.	RESOLVED

PCCSL/11/06/2012	June 18, 2012	Mr. S. S. M. Rohana Dharmadasa, Commissioner Municipal Council, Anuradhapura	Mawbima	Inaccurate report re-dengue drive. Sent Complaint Form and called for details June 19. Oct. 12 sent reminder. Provincial Editor informed over the telephone that the news item is correct.	RESOLVED
PCCSL/12/06/2012	June 18, 2012	Mr. N. Weerasekera, Waskaduwa	Lankadeepa	Articles sent not published. Complaint outside PCCSL process. However, forwarded to editor. Complaint does not fall within PCCSL purview.	OUT OF MANDATE
PCCSL/13/06/2012	June 16, 2012	Mr. U. C. Karunaratne, Ukuwella	Not against newspaper	Toilet in poor state at Matale bus stand. Complaint does not fall within purview of PCCSL	OUT OF MANDATE
PCCSL/14/06/2012	June 15, 2012	Mr. Upali Dharmadasa, President Sri Lanka Cricket	The Island	Inaccurate statements attributed to complainant in article. RoR sent to The Island with copy to PCCSL. Published clarification.	RESOLVED
PCCSL/15/06/2012	June 19, 2012	Mr. M. Ravichandran, Kahawatte	Virakesari	Inaccurate report. Story talks about four school children missing and appearing at Pettah Bus Stand. Complainant (parent) sends Form and RoR received June 19. Forwarded to editor June 21. Published RoR June 30.	RESOLVED
PCCSL/16/06/2012	June 19, 2012	Mr. M. Balakrishnan, Kahawatte	Virakesari	Inaccurate report. Story talks about four school children missing and appearing at Pettah Bus Stand. Complainant (parent) sends Form and RoR received June 19. Forwarded to editor June 21. Published RoR June 30	RESOLVED
PCCSL/17/06/2012	June 20, 2012	Mr. Vasantha Gunasekera, Secretary, D. S. Senanayake College, School Development Society, Colombo	Divaina	Complaint Form handed to complainant June 20. Complaint Form and clarification handed to PCCSL June 21. Forwarded to Editor June 21. Spoke to editor Jan. 17. Spoke to complainant Feb. 01 said no need to proceed	COMPLAINANT DD NOT PROCEED
PCCSL/18/06/2012	June 22, 2012	Mr. A. Thangathurai, retired teacher, Batticaloa	Virakesari weekly	Published articles do not support social issues. Submitted to editor for consideration. Complaint does not fall within purview of PCCSL	OUT OF MANDATE
PCCSL/19/06/2012	June 26,	Mr. M. R. M.	Vidivelli	Not received prize money Rs. 500	OUT OF

	2012	Farzlan, AL Student, Bentota		(first) and 2011 Rs.500. name published. Forwarded to Editor June 26. Complaint does not fall within purview of PCCSL.	MANDATE
PCCSL/20/06/2012	June 27, 2012	Theosophical Society of Sri Lanka	Randiva	A delegation from the Theosophical Society of Sri Lanka met the PCCSL Secretariat in the PCCSL. Handed Complaint Form and explained process. Await their reply to continue. Complainant did not proceed.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL/21/06/2012	June 28, 2012	Mr. R. Rajendran, Balangoda	Online Virakesari	Inaccurate report re-kidnapping story in Kahawatte. Complaint Form filled and handed over June 28. Correction published June 30.	RESOLVED
Total No. of complaints			21(S-09 , T-07, E-03, Complaint not concerning newspaper - 02)		
Resolved			11		
Pending			00		
Out of mandate			05 (Complaint not concerning newspaper-02)		
Sub-judice			00		
Complainant did not proceed			05		
Editor did not proceed			00		

July

File number	Date of complaint	Complainant's name and address	Newspaper	Details of complainant	Position
PCCSL/01/07/2012	July 02, 2012	Mr. S. S. M. Rohana Dharmadasa, Municipal Commissioner, Municipal Council Anuradhapura	Lakbima	Sent Complaint Form and article July 02. Called for RoR July 02. Received Complaint Form August 16 without clarification. Spoke to complainant August 17. Correct clarification received August 24. Forwarded to Editor August 24. Clarification published in September.	RESOLVED
PCCSL/02/07/2012	July 09, 2012	Dr. S. S. Marasinghe, Thalawatugoda	Divaina	Online complaint. Story is inaccurate. The Medical Ordinance is to be amended and not the MBBS Degree. The source is also not disclosed. It is malicious. Spoke to complainant and	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED

				sent Complaint Form. Received July 10 and some legal documents. Requested clarification in Sinhala over the telephone July 10. Complainant informs PCCSL over the telephone that he has no authority to make an official clarification since it dealt with policy.	
PCCSL/03/07/2012	July 10, 2012	MR. S. M. M. Bassar, Teacher, Badulu Oya, Puthukudirippu (Mulaitivu District)	Thinakkural	July 04 publication of obscene picture of models removing their under wear that this damages the culture of the country. The photograph has no bearing on the story as well. It only draws the reader's attention. Wrote to editor and told him to be careful of cultural sentiments.	RESOLVED
PCCSL/04/07/2012	July 12, 2012	Mr. A. Thangathurai, Teacher, Navatkuda, Batticaloa	Sothidakesari (Astrological supplement of Virakesari)	Information pertaining to astrology is inaccurate. Wrote to him and asked him to point out an instance of inaccuracy and inform us with the evidence.	RESOLVED
PCCSL/05/07/2012	July 17, 2012	Dr. (Ms.) K. A. C. Jayamali, Medical Officer of Hospital, Village Hospital, Dodangoda	Rajina	Complaint Form and letter outlining complaint procedure sent July 17. Await reply from complainant. Story is about a rambutan seed getting stuck in the throat of a child and the child died due to negligence on the part of the doctors. Since they could not handle it they advised the child to be transferred to another hospital. The child died on the way and they are not to be blamed. Complainant did not want to proceed.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL/06/07/2012	July 17, 2012	Dr. (Ms.) K. A. C. Jayamali, Medical Officer of Hospital, Village Hospital, Dodangoda	Irida Divaina	Complaint Form and letter outlining complaint procedure sent July 17. Await reply from complainant. Story is about a rambutan seed getting stuck in the throat of a child and the child died due to negligence on the part of the doctors. Since they could not handle it they advised the child to be transferred to another hospital. The child died on the way and they are not to be blamed. Complainant did not want to proceed.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL/07/07/2012	July 17, 2012	Ms. Anthony Pillai, Retired	Virakesari	The emblem of the 'cross' used in cartoons depicting a burial grounds	RESOLVED

		Teacher, Digana, Kandy		should be avoided. Wrote to Editor July 18 informing to avoid such practice.	
PCCSL/08/07/2012	July 20, 2012	Mr. J. M. Jayawardene, Retired Railway employee, Wattala	Irida Lankadeepa	He has sent a complaint to be published in the Reader's Complaint Column in the newspaper and it has not been published. Forwarded to editor. Complaint does not fall within the purview of the PCCSL.	OUT OF MANDATE
PCCSL/09/07/2012	July 24, 2012	Mr. Nalake Jaysuriya, Attorney-at-Law, Kohuwela on behalf of Mr. Hisbullah	Mawbima	It is regarding a court case. PCCSL process explained in letter to him July 24.	SUB-JUDICE
PCCSL/10/07/2012	July 23, 2012	Mr. Nalake Jayasuriya, Attorney-at-Law, Ibbagamuwa.	Ceylon Today	Court proceedings concerning a case involving Child Development and Women's Affairs Deputy Minister M. L. A. M. Hisbullah. Incorrect Court report. Since report is one sided said unjust and demands compensation Rs. 10 m. Ongoing court case unable to proceed. Informed complainant July 24.	SUB-JUDICE
PCCSL/11/07/2012	July 24, 2012	IGP N. K. Illangakoon, Police Chief	Mawbima Sunday	Informed complainant that newspaper does not comply with PCCSL process. Wrote saying can intervene July 24 and sent Complaint Form. DIG Gamini Dissanayake requested Rules and Procedures of the PCCSL and Code. Forwarded July 31. Received Complaint Form August 28. Replied to complainant re-clarification August 29. Complainant did not proceed.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL/12/07/2012	July 26, 2012	Ms. T. Joseph Marian, Welimada	Metro News	The crossword puzzle is incorrect. Request correct one be published and gave the correct grid. Informed editor. Complaint does not fall within the purview of the PCCSL.	RESOLVED
PCCSL/13/07/2012	July 29, 2012	Mrs. M. S. Samudra Subasinghe, Planning and Marketing Head, Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation, Colombo	Dinamina	Two people interdicted from Rupavahini Corporation, she is one of them. Story is not correct. Explained that there is no complaint.	RESOLVED

PCCSL/14/07/2012	July 30, 2012	Mr. Ruwan Wijesinghe, Manager, Cosmed International (Pvt) Ltd.	Nawaliya	Incorrect report about their product where they have interviewed a doctor. Require Complaint Form and clarification July 30. Complainant did not proceed.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL/15/07/2012	July 25, 2012	Ash-Shaikh M. S. M. Thassim, Asst. General Secretary, All Ceylon Jamiyyathul Ulama, Colombo	Mawbima	Use of the Holy Prophets photograph in article appearing in youth section on July 24, 2012. Wrote to editor bringing it to his notice. Correction published July 25.	RESOLVED
Total No. of complaints				15(S-10 , T-04, E-01, Complaint not concerning newspaper - 00)	
Resolved				07	
Pending				00	
Out of mandate				01 (Complaint not concerning newspaper-00)	
Sub-judice				02	
Complainant did not proceed				05	
Editor did not proceed				00	

August

File number	Date of complaint	Complainant's name and address	Newspaper	Details of complainant	Position
PCCSL/01/08/2012	August 03, 2012	Ms. Ajantha Lalani, Maligawatte, Colombo 10	Rivira	Re-story of heroin sale by women states that her husband is missing and that she is doing the business. Wanted to contact journalist. Explained PCCSL process and gave a Complaint Form. Await reply. Complainant did not proceed	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL/02/08/2012	August 06, 2012	Mr. K. Rasiah, Secretary, Vivekananda Society, Anuradhapura	Virakesari	Re-published article January 14 is incorrect. The use of the photograph is also inappropriate. Requested RoR. There is no violation of the Code. Wrote to complainant stating this and that the article and photograph are relevant to each other.	RESOLVED

PCCSL/03/08/2012	August 06, 2012	Mr. K. Rasiah, Secretary, Vivekananda Society, Anuradhapura	Virakesari	Re-published article May 14 is in incorrect. Talking about religious harassment. Called for copy of article and sent Complaint Form August 07. Spoke to complainant and he did not want to proceed.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL/04/08/2012	August 07, 2012	Mr. S. Saundararajan, Colombo 06	All newspapers (English)	Complained about increase in cost of newspapers being unrealistic considering the high cost of living. Complaint does not fall within mandate of PCCSL.	OUT OF MANDATE
PCCSL/05/08/2012	August 06, 2012	Mr. Ravindranath Dabare, Attorney-at-Law, Borella, Colombo 08	Divaina	Complaint is GMOA Secretary, his Attorney is writing. Explained PCCSL process in letter and posted Complaint Form Aug 07. Await reply. Complainant did not proceed	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL/06/08/2012	August 09, 2012	Ms. K. T. Ramyalatha, Kochchikade	No newspaper	Asking for financial assistance since she is poor. Complaint does not fall within purview of PCCSL.	OUT OF MANDATE
PCCSL/07/08/2012	August 09, 2012	National Institute of Mental Health, Angoda	Daily News	Report of suicide of girl upset over Z score. Complainant states that pain of mind is caused to family by suicide and the August 01 report adds further misery. Request to advice Editor. Spoke to Editor and advised to be more sensitive to suicide stories of this nature especially where suicide is connected with an unfortunate incident. Wrote to editor August 13.	RESOLVED
PCCSL/08/08/2012	August 08, 2012	Mr. K. D. A. T. Dissanayake, Engine Driver, Ganemulla	Irida Lankadeepa	Story has gone in the newspapers quoting him as the President of the Sri Lanka Freedom Trade Union in connection with a bribery case involving luxury carriages of the railway. Although he made it clear to the journalist that he is no longer president in this organization, the journalist had said that the story has gone to be printed. Annoyed he complained to the PCCSL. Complaint Form submitted August 10. Clarification received August 13. Forwarded to editor August 13. Sent letter reminding editor Sept. 26. Spoke to editor Oct. 04 he said that according to the PCCSL process the complainant should complaint to the	RESOLVED

				editor first and if not resolved should complain to the PCCSL. Conveyed this to complainant to go personally with complaint and meet editor. Editor instructed journalist who wrote the story to meet him when he met on Oct. 04. Journalist agreed and subsequently rectified the issue by writing to the Railway Department. No RoR published but resolved to the complainants satisfaction.	
PCCSL/09/08/2012	August 04, 2012	Mr. I. C. R. de Silva, Colombo 03.	No newspaper	Wrote seeking assistance about employment. Spoke on the telephone and explained PCCSL process. Complaint does not fall within the purview of the PCCSL.said	OUT OF MANDATE
PCCSL/10/08/2012	August 04, 2012	Mr. P. B. Anandarajah, President, Sri Lank Deaf Rehabilitation Organization, Wattala	No newspaper	Wrote seeking financial assistance for Christmas Party. Explained PCCSL process. Complaint does not fall within purview of PCCSL	OUT OF MANDATE
PCCSL/11/08/2012	August 10, 2012	Mr. Mumtaz Rahman, President, Ceylinco Profit Sharing Depositors' Association, Mt. Lavinia	Ceylon Today	Copy of letter sent by Mr. Rahman to Mr. Nalake Jayasuriya re-article concerning Ceylinco Depositors published on April 01, 2012. Sent letter calling for details and Complaint Form August 13, 2012. Mr. Jayasuriya preferred to remain quiet.	COMPLAINANT DI NOT PROCEED
PCCSL/12/08/2012	August 15, 2012	Mrs. D. S. Seneviratne, Mt. Lavinia	Rivira	Complainant visited PCCSL with complaint. Explained process and gave Complaint Form. Complainant did not proceed.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL/13/08/2012	August 22, 2012	Mr. Dulan Abeyratne, Colombo	Daily Mirror	Online complaint. Re-photograph of his posted on Flickr used in newspaper story on September 17, 2009 'Higher private bus fares for the public from Tuesday.' Requesting payment. Explained PCCSL process Aug. 22. Await reply.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL/14/08/2012	August 24, 2012	Mr. A. G. M. Bogahawatte, Managing Director, Finite Lanka (Pvt) Limited, Gampaha	Irida Lankadeepa	Complaint Form and letter explaining process and calling for clarification sent Aug. 27. Await reply. Spoke to complainant September 27. Complainant said he did not want to proceed.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED

PCCSL/15/08/2012	August 25, 2012	Ms. M. Chandra Padma, Anuradhapura	Lankadeepa	Mother complained against story that son is a Navy deserter who while fleeing from kassipu distillery was shot and injured now in remand. Cannot discuss story as it is before courts.	SUBJUDICE
PCCSL/16/08/2012	August 21, 2012	Mr. Sandiip Bhammer, Colombo 03	Daily Mirror	Complaint against incorrect story 'Sex scandal at head office' of Aug 17, 2012. Filled Complaint Form and requested RoR. Sent RoR. Forwarded to Editor. Published RoR	RESOLVED
PCCSL/17/08/2012	August 21, 2012	Mr. Sandiip Bhammer, Colombo 03	Ceylon Today	Complaint against incorrect story 'Condoms found in board' of Aug 17, 2012. Filled Complaint Form and requested RoR. Sent RoR. Forwarded to Editor. Appropriate correction done in new story.	RESOLVED
PCCSL/18/08/2012	August 21, 2012	Mr. Sandiip Bhammer, Colombo 03	Ceylon Today	Complaint against incorrect story 'Sex scandal draws emergency meeting' of Aug 18, 2012. Filled Complaint Form and requested RoR. Sent RoR. Forwarded to Editor. Appropriate correction done in new story.	RESOLVED
PCCSL/19/08/2012	August 21, 2012	Mr. Sandiip Bhammer, Colombo 03	Ceylon Today	Complaint against incorrect story 'Sex under the carpet' of Aug 19, 2012. Filled Complaint Form and requested RoR. Sent RoR. Forwarded to Editor. Appropriate correction done in new story.	RESOLVED
PCCSL/20/08/2012	August 21, 2012	Mr. Sandiip Bhammer, Colombo 03	The Nation	Complaint against incorrect story 'SLC appoints Exco member to investigate sexgate' of Aug 19, 2012. Filled Complaint Form and requested RoR. Sent RoR. Forwarded to Editor. Appropriate correction done in new story.	RESOLVED
PCCSL/21/08/2012	August 21, 2012	Mr. Sandiip Bhammer, Colombo 03	The Nation	Complaint against incorrect story 'Sex scandal stumps SL cricket' of Aug 19, 2012. Filled Complaint Form and requested RoR. Sent RoR. Forwarded to Editor. Appropriate correction done in new story.	RESOLVED
PCCSL/22/08/2012	August 21, 2012	Mr. Sandiip Bhammer, Colombo 03	Lankadeepa	Complaint against incorrect story of Aug 20, 2012. Filled Complaint Form and requested RoR. Since an inquiry is pending complainant said not to proceed until inquiry is over and he will inform PCCSL.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED

PCCSL/23/08/2012	August 22, 2012	Mr. V. Thevaraja, Editor Virakesari Weekly	Thinakkural	Defamatory comment in column on June 17, 2012 in Thinakkural newspaper against complainant's article in Virakesari weekly on June 10, 2012. No violation of Code as no reference is given to author, newspaper or date of publication. Talks in general about Tamil Nadu politicians stand on Eelam. Wrote to complainant explaining the fact.	RESOLVED
Total No. of complaints			23(S-07 , T-03, E-10, Complaint not concerning newspaper - 03)		
Resolved			10		
Pending			00		
Out of mandate			04 (Complaint not concerning newspaper-03)		
Sub-judice			01		
Complainant did not proceed			08		
Editor did not proceed			00		

September

File number	Date of complaint	Complainant's name and address	Newspaper	Details of complainant	Position
PCCSL/01/09/2012	September 05, 2012	Mr. M. Razeen, University of Perdeniya	Virakesari	Complaint against article published on September 04 giving incorrect date of the signing of the Indo-Lanka Peace Accord. Brought to the notice of the editor. Out of PCCSL process.	RESOLVED
PCCSL/02/09/2012	September 10, 2012	DIG Gamini Dissanayake, Attorney-at-Law, Legal/Human Rights, Police Headquarters, Colombo	Irida Divaina	Received complaint along with Complaint Form. Called for clarification Sept. 10. Received September 24. Forwarded to Editor September 25. Spoke to editor October 4. Spoke to News Editor October 11. Clarification published October 14.	RESOLVED
PCCSL/03/09/2012	September 10, 2012	Mr. Jegan Thambaiyah, International Medical Health	Irida Divaina	Online complaint. Incorrect accusations against organization in Defence column. Complaint Form received September 11 and	NO PROGRESS FROM EDITOR

		Organizaton, Ohio, USA		forwarded to Editor. Clarification in English sent to Editor on September 12. Remind editor September 26. Newspaper on Dec. 02 carried article criticizing PCCSL as an NGO and that they do not follow the PCCSL process. The editor did not carry the clarification. Submitted to PCCSL Board in December 2012.	
PCCSL/04/09/2012	September 10, 2012	Ms. N. C. Kusumawathie, Walipenna	Not against newspaper	Complained about a land issue. Complaint does not fall within the purview of the PCCSL.	OUT OF MANDATE
PCCSL/05/09/2012	September 10, 2012	Mr. Kithsiri Mevan Jayasena, Artist, moratuwa	Irida Divaina	Online complaint. Inaccurate insinuations. Request Complaint Form and clarification. Complaint Form received September 11. Clarification received Sept 12 forwarded to Editor. Reminder sent to editor September 25. Spoke to editor October 04. Spoke with News Editor October 11 and again on October 18. He said will publish clarification this weekend (October 24). Spoke to news editor again on Nov. 07 said it is with the legal branch. Spoke to editor Nov. 08 repeated same story. Spoke with Divaina Legal Officer Nov. 29 said will reply. Spoke to Divaina Legal Officer again on Dec. 03, he apologised for his lapse and promised to send letter. Spoke again Jan 21 said he has posted it. Mentioned this to editor during distribution of Annual Report 2011 on Jan 18.	PENDING
PCCSL/06/09/2012	September 13, 2012	Ms. Ammu Joseh, Member, Network of Women in Media, India	Lakbimanews	Complaint against cartoon appearing in the newspaper in bad taste depicting Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Jayalalitha with her saree raised and pointing towards Sri Lanka while Indian Prime Minster Manmohan Singh is under the saree. Spoke to Editor and apology carried Sept 16.	RESOLVED
PCCSL/07/09/2012	September 17, 2012	Mr. Joseph Fernando, Colombo	No newspaper in particular	Complaint is about him winning a competition conducted by a newspaper and not receiving the prize to date. Told him to send details and will inform editor. Out of PCCSL process.	OUT OF MANDATE

PCCSL/08/09/2012	September 17, 2012	Mr. Sathish, Mattakkuliya	No newspaper in particular	Complaint about nonpayment of EPF and ETF to long standing employees of eateries. They are all Tamils. They are also not permitted to vote. Request newspapers highlight such offences. Forwarded to newspapers for attention.	RESOLVED
PCCSL/09/09/2012	September 21, 2012	Mr. Sarath Wickremesighe, Kalutara	Mawbima	The children's playground in the housing scheme is used by drug addicts for their activities re-news item. This is incorrect residents says. Posted Complaint Form and letter September 24. Received RoR Oct 09. Forwarded to editor Oct 11. Editor did not proceed.	NO PROGRESS FROM EDITOR
PCCSL/10/09/2012	September 24, 2012	Mr. K. Kaneshayogan, Attorney-at-Law, Colombo 05	Virakesari	Complained against publishing English language stories in Tamil language newspapers. Forwarded to editor for his attention. Complaint does not fall within purview of the PCCSL.	OUT OF MANDATE
PCCSL/11/09/2012	September 24, 2012	Mr. Subramaniam Sudharman, MRTC student, Jaffna	Thinakurral	Article published is inaccurate and defamatory of him. Sent Complaint Form and called for more details. Complainant sends RoR and forwarded to editor. RoR published Oct. 14.	RESOLVED
PCCSL/12/09/2012	September 21, 2012	Mr. M. V. P. Thilakarathne, Galle	Irida Lakkbima	Complained over telephone on September 19. Received copy of clarification September 21. Clarification published September 23.	RESOLVED
PCCSL/13/09/2012	September 26, 2012	Mr. M. Muthukumar, teacher, Colombo 04.	Namathu Thoothu, Satha News Publication, Wellawatte, Colombo 06	The complaint concerns the publishers who put out a bi-monthly Tamil newspaper. The newspaper closed down in July this year. The complainant states that the Managing Director, Mr. S. M. Sathasivam who was a journalist of Sudar Oli newspaper has misappropriated Rs.275,000 given by the complainant. Complaint does not fall within the purview of the PCCSL process. Informed complainant.	OUT OF MANDATE
Total No. of complaints				13(S-0 5, T-04, E-01, Complaint not concerning newspaper - 03)	
Resolved				06	
Pending				01	

Out of mandate	04 (Complaint not concerning newspaper-03)
Sub-judice	0
Complainant did not proceed	00
Editor did not proceed	02

October

File number	Date of complaint	Complainant's name and address	Newspaper	Details of complainant	Position
PCCSL/01/10/2012	October 01, 2012	Prof. H. R. Seneviratne, Past President, Sri Lanka College of Obstetrician and Gynecology, Colombo	The Sunday Leader	Complained about use of professional's name in article. Filled Complaint Form but need more details. Called College and they gave mobile number. Sent sms since did not answer call. Complainant did not want to proceed	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL/02/10/2012	October 03, 2012	Mr. M. Somasiri, Pannpitiya	Lanka	Complainant came to PCCSL and made inquiries about how to make a complaint re-Incorrect report. Filled Complaint Form and handed RoR on Oct 04. Forwarded to editor Oct 04. Visited Actg. Editor Oct 10 and brought it to his notice. Spoke to Editor October 18. He said he will be replying by October 23. Met editor Jan. 16 while distributing Annual Report and reminded him. Reminder sent Fe. 01 and spoke to editor Feb. 15.	PENDING
PCCSL/03/10/2012	October 01, 2012	Mr. G. Goonetilleka, Colombo	Daily Mirror	Complaint received via e-mail forwarded to PCCSL by Mr. Senaka Weeraratna. Mr. Weeraratna called in connection with complaint e-mailed by Mr. G. Gooneratna. E-mailed Mr. Weeraratna and said its not a violation of the Code.	RESOLVED
PCCSL/04/10/2012	October 04, 2012	Mr. F. Hashim, Deputy Executive Director, Consortium of	No newspaper in particular	Made inquiries about PCCSL through e-mail. Sent Complaint Form and Rules and Procedures along with Code. Awaiting formal complaint.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED

		Humanitarian Services, Colombo			
PCCSL/05/10/2012	October 04, 2012	Ms. W. A. C. Wanniarachchi, Anuradhpura	Lankadeepa	Complaint received Oct 04. Sent Complaint Form and information called for on Oct 5. Received Complaint Form and incomplete clarification on October 25. Asked to re-send clarification. Visited office after several calls on January 01, 2013. This concerns an irregular Court report in the newspaper. Complaint forwarded to editor Jan 02, 2013.	PENDING
PCCSL/06/10/2012	October 04, 2012	Mr. Deeptha Chandana, Hony. Secretary, Traders Association, Hatton	Divaina	Complaint received Oct 04. Sent Complaint Form and information called for on Oct 05. Spoke to complainant Oct. Complainant did not proceed.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL/07/10/2012	October 09, 2012	DIG Gamini Dissanayake, Police Headquarters, Colomb.	Dinamina	Complaint deals with bribery allegations made against police. Police Media spokesman sends clarification to newspaper. Newspaper carries edited version with editor's comment in newspaper on Oct 05. Complainant not satisfied and forwarded to PCCSL Oct 09. Spoke to complainant and called for clarification and Complaint Form Oct 10. They did not want to proceed.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL/08/10/2012	October 09, 2012	Mr. Amarananda Weerasinghe, Chairman, Udarata Development Authority, Kandy	Irurasa	Story refers to an Audit Report Which complainant says is different to what he had said. Sent letter and Complaint Form Oct 10. RoR published October 14.	RESOLVED
PCCSL/09/10/2012	October 1, 2012	Mr. Deepthi Chandana, Secretary, Traders Association, Hatton	Lakbima	Complaint made over the telephone. Sent letter and Complaint Form. Await reply. Spoke to complainant Oct. Complainant did not proceed.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL/10/10/2012	October 11,	Director,	Virakesari	Inaccurate report regarding nurses	RESOLVED

	2012	Teaching Hospital, Batticaloa	weekly	problem in Batticaloa Teaching Hospital. Called for details of complaint and sent Complaint Form October 15. RoR sent to PCCSL and editor. RoR published Oct. 24.	
PCCSL/11/10/2012	October 15, 2012	Mr. K. A. Kumarraja, President, Hindu Front, Jaffna, Kokkuvil	Thinakkural	Inaccurate report regarding Thalaiyalli Gnanavairavar Kovil, Kokkuvil, Jaffna. Sent letter called for details and Complaint Form on October 16. Complaint did not respond.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL/12/10/2012	October 22, 2012	Mr. Asmin Marikar, Sengkanda Mahanuwara News, Kandy	Sengkanda Mahanuwara News	Spoke to Complainant and sent Complaint Form and called for details October 23. Re-ownership of newspaper issue. Complaint outside PCCSL process.	OUT OF MANDATE
PCCSL/13/10/2012	October 23, 2012	Mr. Ravindra Hevawitharana, District Secretary, Galle	Mawbima	Incorrect report in newspaper. Sent Complaint Form and called for details October 23. Await reply. He has spoken to the journalist and has resolved the issue.	RESOLVED
PCCSL/14/10/2012	October 2, 2012	M. H. M. Sunil Jayaweera, Principal, Pahariya Vijaya Raja Vidyalaya, Puttalam	Divaina	A story about a teacher in remand. The case is being heard by Court. Unable to proceed since it is before Courts.	SUBJUDICE
PCCSL/15/10/2012	October 31, 2012	Mrs. M. W. Rajapaksha, Peliyagoda	Irida Mawbima	Incorrect story about suspect who has been kidnapped and is missing. Complainant came to office and followed the procedure. Complaint forwarded to editor Oct. 31. Nov. 07 spoke to editor.	PENDING
Total No. of complaints			15(S-10, T-02, E-02, Complaint not concerning newspaper - 01)		
Resolved			04		
Pending			03		
Out of mandate			01 (Complaint not concerning newspaper-00)		
Sub-judice			01		
Complainant did not proceed			06		
Editor did not proceed			00		

November

File number	Date of complaint	Complainant's name and address	Newspaper	Details of complainant	Position
PCCSL/01/11/2012	November 05, 2012	Mr. A. G. Dissanayake, Railway Security Officer and cricket umpire	Divaina	Received Nov. 05, re-story on match fixing. Complainant is a cricket umpire. Complaint Form handed over and explained process. Nov. 07 visited office and were told how to draft a RoR. Since there is an inquiry ongoing into this matter, it was decided not to publish RoR until inquiry is over. Since inquiry is not over at Jan. 04, 2013, it was decided to close the complaint and re-open because inquiry will take three months to complete.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL/02/11/2012	November 05, 2012	Mr. M. W. Dela Silva, businessman and cricket umpire	Divaina	Received Nov. 05, re-story on match fixing. Complainant is a cricket umpire. Complaint Form handed over and explained process. Nov. 07 visited office and were told how to draft a RoR. Since there is an inquiry ongoing into this matter, it was decided not to publish RoR until inquiry is over. Since inquiry is not over at Jan. 04, 2013, it was decided to close the complaint and re-open because inquiry will take three months to complete.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL/03/11/2012	November 10, 2012	Mr. J. Daniel, Journalist, Jaffna	Tamil Mirror (online newspaper)	He has been contributing stories for the past two years and has been suddenly stopped. Contacted the editor who said that he was not officially appointed. Informed complainant. Complaint does not fall within purview of the PCCSL	OUT OF MANDATE
PCCSL/04/11/2012	November 19, 2012	Mr. A. M. K. G. Gamini Abeyratne, Secretary, Meemure Citizens Protection Movement.	Mawbima	Series of articles about a village called Meemure in Kandy District give a wrong idea of the village folk. Complainant forwards copy of complaint to PCCSL. Wrote to complainant calling for article and sent Complaint Form Nov. 19. Discussed RoR on telephone and resent to editor. Editor spoke to	RESOLVED

				complainant and promised to carry it. Clarification published Dec. 09.	
PCCSL/05/11/2012	November 20, 2012	Brig. P. R. Wanigasuriya, Military Spokesman, National Media Centre, Colombo	Mawbima	Irregular caption for photograph of Tamil women recruited to the Army Women's Corp. Spoke to Editor. Wrote to Editor Nov 21. Correction published Nov. 21	RESOLVED

Total No. of complaints	05(S-04, T-01, E-00, Complaint not concerning newspaper - 00)
Resolved	02
Pending	00
Out of mandate	01 (Complaint not concerning newspaper-00)
Sub-judice	00
Complainant did not proceed	02
Editor did not proceed	00

December

File number	Date of complaint	Complainant's name and address	Newspaper	Details of complainant	Position
PCCSL/01/12/2012	December 05, 2012	Mr. B. R. Pushpakumara , Kahawatte	Sinhala newspapers	Photographs used in newspapers are sometimes not appropriate and indecent. Sent a letter stating that the PCCSL monitors the use of bad photographs and brings them to the notice of editors. They are also advised to avoid such usage.	RESOLVED
PCCSL/02/12/2012	December 06, 2012	Mr. R. S. Weeragala, Thaligama	Irida Lankadeepa	Letter sent for publication not used. Complaint does not fall within purview of PCCSL.	OUT OF MANDATE
PCCSL/03/12/2012	December 06, 2012	Dr. D. A. Dayananda, Karapitiya Hospital, Galle	Lakbima	A news item says that an OPD doctor is preventing re-organisation of Hospital doctors. Complaint Form downloaded and sent with letter. Called for clarification Jan.04 complainant requests time since he has just undergone by-pass surgery. Jan.07 replied complainant and	PENDING

				copy to hospital director. Await reply. Hospital Director replies to PCCSL Jan. 18, 2013 sending documents. Wrote to Director Jan. 18 asking him to send RoR on behalf of doctor.	
PCCSL/04/12/2012	December 12, 2012	Mr. Nandana Priyantha Perera, Chairman/Managing Director Napco Fruit Juice Company, Bemmula, Gampaha	Lankadeepa	A court report in the newspaper has wrongly named them as respondents in a case involving their building which was sub leased to a tea packing and exporting firm. They have no involvement in the case except that they own the building. The complainant has filed a case involving Rs.550 million from the newspaper. Case will be called up January 18, 2012. Since the case is pending it is sub-judice.	SUBJUDICE
PCCSL/05/12/2012	December 12, 2012	Secretary Welfare Society, Pradeshiya Sabha, Opanayake	Lankadeepa	Story states that six officers caught playing carom during working hours. Received complaint via fax. Not clear. Sent letter calling for details and Complaint Form Dec. 13. Received Dec. 21. Lankadeepa report has no violation. Informed editor and complainant Dec. 24.	RESOLVED
PCCSL/06/12/2012	December 12, 2012	Secretary Welfare Society, Pradeshiya Sabha, Opanayake	Lakbima	Story states that six officers caught playing carom during working hours. Received complaint via fax. Not clear. Sent letter calling for details and Complaint Form Dec. 13. Received Dec. 21. Forwarded to editor Dec. 24. Spoke to editor again Feb. 01 said will reply on Feb.05. Clarification published with note from journalist Feb.11.	RESOLVED
PCCSL/07/12/2012	December 12, 2012	Secretary Welfare Society, Pradeshiya Sabha, Opanayake	Rivira	Story states that six officers caught playing carom during working hours. Received complaint via fax. Not clear. Sent letter calling for details and Complaint Received Dec. 21. Forwarded to editor December 24. Spoke to Provincial Editor Jan. 09 who requested time. Called again Jan. 23 asked for time. Spoke again Feb. 01 will reply on Feb.05.	PENDNG
PCCSL/08/12/2012	December 13, 2012	Mr. R. G. P. Seneviratne, Valahanduwa	Lakbima	Akmeemana Co-operative Society former chairman is complainant. The new chairman states	RESOLVED

				inefficiencies of management in article. Received complaint Dec. 13. Spoke to complainant regarding clarification and sent Complaint Form along Dec.17. Await reply. New Chairman has written to editor and copies to complainant on Jan 11, 2013 and PCCSL that story is correct and that there is no complaint. Former chairman (complainant) writes to editor. Newspaper publishers reply Feb.11.	
PCCSL/09/12/2012	December 13, 2012	Mr. R. G. P. Seneviratne, Valahanduwa	Mawbima	Akmeemana Co-operative Society former chairman is complainant. The new chairman states inefficiencies of management in article. Received complaint Dec. 13. Spoke to complainant regarding clarification and sent Complaint Form along Dec.17. Await reply. New Chairman has written to editor and copies to complainant on Jan 11, 2013 and PCCSL that story is correct and that there is no complaint.	PENDING
PCCSL/10/12/2012	December 14, 2012	Brig. Ruwan Wanigasooriya , Media Centre for National Security.	Lankadeepa	Story states that of the Tamil women recruited to the Army, 16 of them have been possessed. The story goes on to state that they tried contacting officials in Kilinochchi to get a clarification but the officials have stated that they cannot give any information. The figure of the number of women is also incorrect. Received complaint Dec. 14. However, the complainant requested over the telephone that if journalists need any further information concerning the Security Forces to contact them. Sent letter to editor advising him Dec. 17.	RESOLVED
PCCSL/11/12/2012	December 17, 2012	Mrs. Hiranya Perera, Director (Legal), National Child Protection Authority, Sri Jayawardanep	Lankadeepa	A Buddhist organization in Kandy and Central Provincial Council Ministry of Health has written to the Chairman NCPA stating that the identity of a child who is a victim of abuse has been revealed in a story. NCPA complained to PCCSL. Looked at story and found no identity of	RESOLVED

		ura, Kotte		child has been revealed except the home that she has been sent to. Wrote to complainant stating that there is no violation. However, on Dec. 18 wrote to editor not to give names of homes that victims of child abuse are sent to.	
PCCSL/12/12/2012	December 17, 2012	Lt. Col. S. V. Meepagala, for Army Spokesman.	Lakbima	A soldier who has deserted the Army should not be referred to as a former soldier. Spoke to complainant Dec. 18 and wrote to editor clarifying the terminology.	RESOLVED
PCCSL/13/12/2012	December 18, 2012	Commander Kosala Warnakulasuriya, Navy Spokesman, Sri Lanka Navy.	Irida Divaina	Story that Sri Lanka Navy is harassing Sri Lankan fishermen. The journalist has spoken to the Navy but has not published their version. Forwarded complaint to editor Dec. 19 and copy to complainant. Spoke to complainant Jan.07. Reminder sent to editor and copy to complainant Jan. 09. Remind editor Jan. 17.	PENDING
PCCSL/14/12/2012	December 18, 2012	Mr. Nihal Abeyratne, former Acting Zonal Director of Education, Anuradhapura.	Mawbima	Lanka Teachers' Union Chairman has implicated complainant in missing equipment belonging to Zonal Office. Meanwhile the story states that there is an inquiry pending. Wrote to complainant Dec. 19 that since an inquiry is pending will have to wait until it is completed to carry a RoR if any. Complainant spoke Feb. 14 and said he did not want to proceed.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL/15/12/2012	December 18, 2012	Mr. K. Sooiya Siva, President, Sri Lanka Nidahas Sevaka Sangamaya, National Paper Company Limited, Valaichenai.	Ceylon Today	Dec 07 story incorrect about employees not been paid salaries. Contacted complainant and explained process. Sent letter, Complaint Form and Code Dec. 19. Await Complaint Form. Complainant did not proceed	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL/16/12/2012	December 21, 2012	Lt. Col. S. D. Meepagala, Media Unit MCNS	Lankdeepa	A man continues to rob appearing as a soldier. However, headline is misleading since it states that a soldier is robbing pavement hawkers. Media Unit does not want RoR but to inform editor to be	RESOLVED

				careful when giving headlines which are misleading and have no relevance to the story. Wrote to editor with copy to complainant Dec.24.	
PCCSL/17/12/2012	December 24, 2012	Mr. D. Liyanage, Officer, Sampath Bank, Athurugiriya	Rivira	A series of articles on myths has been appearing in the newspaper and although not mentioning them it has disturbed the household. It concerns their neighbor. He has requested that this article must be stopped. Advised him that an RoR will further point a finger at him. Spoke to editor Dec. 24 and he said that they have stopped publishing the articles.	RESOLVED
Total No. of complaints				17 (S-16, T-0, E-01, Complaint not concerning newspaper - 00)	
Resolved				09	
Pending				04	
Out of mandate				01(Complaint not concerning newspaper-00)	
Sub-judice				01	
Complainant did not proceed				02	
Editor did not proceed				00	