Since the CBI raided on the NDTV promoter Pranab Roy’s premises for the bank loan default taken from ICICI, Media sect started loud outcry. The left leaning faction of Media and Pranab Roy’s friend dived into the issue to rescue his dear friend without even bother to look into the charges and evidences backing up those.

Strangely, there has been a deliberate silence when some of the other Media Houses were on the similar kind persecution of some investigation agencies, possibly because the ideology wasn’t matched. In 2009, the same CBI raided on Deccan Chronicle with the same charges of bank loan default in the 2013 that is during Congress regime. The recent two examples are; one of Sudhir Chaudhary on whom Mamata Benerjee slapped a case for covering Dhulagarh riots; and another was of Arnab, who has been sued by Shashi Tharoor in Delhi HC for the reporting over Sunanda Murder case; moreover, this same faction seemed cheered on this occasion.

Media have been getting advantages from the various govts. One of such Media Cronyism example was exposed by JanSatyagrah through the RTI investigation. The same had proved that how UPA govt spent public money behind so called prominent journalist like Barkha Dutt, Siddarth Zarabi, Nidhi Razdan, etc.; and these crony journalists did so many foreign tours along with our Accidental Prime Minister.

On the same line; various state govts also witnessed to indulge in such Media cronyism; like in near past Maharashtra Govt passed “Maharashtra Mediapersons and Media Institutions (Prevention of Violence and Damage or Loss to Property) Act, 2017” for giving special protection to journalists. Another example is of Telangana Government, who has allocated separate 30 crores for the welfare of the journalists. The obvious question arisen that why such budget allocation for this profession only. Should it be considered as an advance reward for doing assistance in making ecosystem in favor to ruling party? In states like MP, there is no toll tax for the journalists.

Considering Media as a fourth pillar of democracy, Indian govt has given many aids for the Media institutions; some of the main instances are like, as per the Finance Act, 1995 only 1 to 2 percent of tax is applicable on advertising revenue for print and electronic media. Notably, ads of various Government schemes are major portion of the revenue collection for both the types of Media. Furthermore, Print media also gets subsidize papers for printing newspapers.

Thus it can be understood that when it comes revenue generation then Media Institutions can leverage all the options of revenue generation same as Corporate Institutes. But when it comes to liability as per the commercial firm towards government, then they want to exercise exemptions none less than non-profit charitable trust.

In spite of all these facilities, many media houses and their journalists have been found performing many malpractices. Be it about involvement in Govt scams, land dealing, spreading communal violence etc.

The very same NDTV’s top journalists were exposed in Nira Radia tapes for becoming agents of some influential politicians. Another similar known example is of journalist ‘Santanu Saikia’ who arrested in Oil Espionage Case. And of such examples are there where many such illegality has been caught. Here, the point of objection is, if corporate houses like Sahara, Kingfisher etc. are facing similar the persecution for the reason of prima facie evidences, why these media houses objecting and crying victim when investigation has been launched post enough evidences have been unearthed of fraud.

Perhaps these institutions believe themselves as the above law. As they have mike and camera to connect the channel with public, they can mislead the people in the way they want.

On many occurrences in past, the same media didn’t even wait for charges frame on accused and started media trial on them to declare them as culprit. But when now they came in dock, they want to get away from the hand of law. If Pranab Roy is innocent then why they’re not letting law to do its own course; what’s the problem here?! Is this the fear of proving guilty if truth will come out.

The defense or more suitably called, counter which are coming from media fraternity are like portraying this investigation as crackdown on the freedom of press. If NDTV were confident about their innocence, then why it and Pranab Roy’s friends had to take support of their profession as defense instead of arguing or fighting on the facts of the case. One can easily make perception out of this.