

Government of India
Ministry of Information & Broadcasting
Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001

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A D V I S O R Y

Subject: Transmission of un-authorized TV channels by Cable Operators

The undersigned is directed to draw your attention to reports of security threats due to TV content aimed at inciting communal and terrorist violence. In particular, reports are being received of such content being broadcast through private satellite TV channels, such as Peace TV channel, which are not permitted by this Ministry for downlinking into the country. It is therefore essential that broadcast or transmission of such non-permitted channels is stopped immediately by the cable operators and DTH operators.

2. As per the Section 5 of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act 1995, no person shall transmit or re-transmit through a cable service any programme unless such programme is in conformity with the programme code. In the Cable Television Network (CTN) Rules 1994 framed under the cable TV Act, the nature of the contents prohibited to be transmitted or re-transmitted are given in the in the programme code under Rule 6 of these Rules.

3. Sub Rule 6(6) of the Cable TV Rules specifies that no cable operator shall carry or include in his cable service any television broadcast or channel which has not been registered by the Central Government for being viewed within the territory of India. List of the private satellite TV channels permitted by this ministry is available on the web site of the Ministry at www.mib.nic.in.

4. Transmission or re-transmission of any TV channel in violation of the Section 5 of the Cable TV Act read with Rule 6(6) by any cable operator is an offence which attracts action against the operators by the authorized officers.

5. However, it has come to the notice of this Ministry that some private satellite TV channels which are not permitted by this Ministry are being transmitted by some cable operators on their networks. This is a clear violation of the sub-rule 6(6) of the Cable TV Rules under Programme code and need to acted upon immediately.

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6. All the MSOs and LCOs are, therefore, advised to ensure that no un-authorized TV channels are transmitted by them in their networks. In case of violations, necessary action will be taken against the defaulters.

Yours Sincerely,

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To
All MSOs/LCOs