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Government of India
Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
'A' Wing, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-1

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Whereas, in exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 8 of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995(hereinafter referred to as ("the Cable Act"), the Ministry vide its notification No. S.O. 2693 (E) dated 05.09.2013 and subsequent notification No. S.O. 1388 (E) dated 25.05.2015 has specified list of channels that are to be mandatorily carried by MSOs and Cable operators on their cable TV networks.

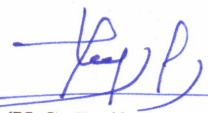
Whereas, in areas where cable TV digitization has been completed, it is obligatory for the cable operators to carry 23 channels of Doordarshan including Kisan Channel, besides Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha channels. In other areas, the cable operators are required to carry 8 channels of Doordarshan, in addition to Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha channels.

Whereas, it has been found that many MSOs/Cable operators are not carrying mandatory channels notified by the Ministry vide the aforesaid notifications which is a violation of Section 8 of the Cable Act.

Whereas, non-carriage of mandatory channels is liable to attract Section 11, Section 12 and Section 18 of the Cable Act.

All MSOs and Cable operators are accordingly advised to carry the mandatory channels in the manner as notified by the Ministry.

Any violation of Section 8 of the Cable Act shall invite such action as provided in the Cable TV Act and the Rules framed thereunder as well as the terms and conditions stipulated in the MSO permission, as the case may be.


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To,

1. All MSOs (in DAS areas by name)
2. All other MSOs.
3. Secretary, Department of Posts with a request to circulate all post offices for compliance by LCOs/MSOs in non-DAS areas. List of cities where DAS has been notified is annexed.)