



D.O. No. 3/2/2016-PMU (DAS)

June 12, 2017

Cable TV Digitisation – Action by Authorised Officers against defaulters

Dear Administrator,

Please refer the letters 4/4/2013-PMU(DAS) dated 30.5.2016, 9/213/2016-DAS dated 8.7.2016, 12/47/2016-DAS(part1) dated 22.12.2016, 2/135/2016-DAS dated 17.1.2017 and 2/08/2017-DAS(Part1) dated 21.4.2017 regarding implementation of cable TV digitisation in the country.

2. You are aware that as mandated by the Government, w.e.f. 1st April 2017 only digital encrypted signals can be carried on the cable television networks in the country. However, for its successful implementation, it is important that regular monitoring is carried out by the Authorised Officers {DM, SDM and CP as per Sec 2 of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act 1995} to ensure that cable operators carry only digital encrypted signals, follow the provisions in the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act 1995 and the Rules framed thereunder, and prompt action is taken against the defaulters.

3. In this connection Ministry had prepared a Check List for inspection of MSOs by the Authorised Officers. Copy of the Check List is available at the www.digitalindiamib.com website under:

Information → Inspection of MSOs → Check List for Authorised Officers

4. Ministry had sent the Check List to the Authorised Officers on 25th April 2017 (Copy attached) with the request to plan regular inspections and take prompt action against the defaulters. However several complaints of carriage of analogue signals by the cable operators are still coming to the Ministry. These are being sent to the Authorised Officers of the districts for necessary action. Hardly any compliance reports are being received.

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5. It is reiterated that as per Sec 11 of Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act 1995, the Authorised officers have power to seize the equipment of the defaulting cable operators. To ensure that the cable TV digitisation is complete and its benefits start accruing to all stakeholders, I request you to:

- i. Direct all the DMs in your state to take action within their powers under Sec 11 against the defaulters.
- ii. Allot about half an hour time to the Ministry, in any one of the meetings to be held by you with DMs in near future, to highlight their role/powers.
- iii. Get the issue monitored by senior officers like Divisional Commissioner, Revenue Secretary or IG Police also.

I solicit your active support and cooperation in this task.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,



Encl: As above.

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