

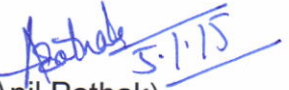
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Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
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Dated the 5th January, 2015.

Subject: Minutes of the 4th meeting of the TASK Force on implementation of Digital Addressable System in Cable TV Network in Phase – III & IV held on 29.12.2014.

Please find enclosed a copy of the minutes of the 4th meeting of the TASK Force on the implementation of Phase – III & IV of Cable TV Digitization held on 29.12.2014 under the Chairmanship of Additional Secretary, Ministry of Information Broadcasting, for information and necessary action.

Encl: As above.


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To,

[All Members of the Task Force including those present]

Copy to:

- I. PPS to Secretary, I&B
- II. PPS to Additional Secretary, I&B
- III. PPS to Joint Secretary (B-I).
- IV. Director (BP&L)
- V. Advisor (DAS)
- VI. Dy. Secretary (DAS)

MINUTES OF 4th TASK FORCE MEETING ON IMPLEMENTATION OF DIGITAL ADDRESSABLE SYSTEM IN CABLE TV NETWORK IN PHASE III & IV HELD ON 29.12.2014

Fourth Task Force meeting on implementation of digital addressable system in cable TV network in phases III & IV was held on 29.12.2014 under the chairpersonship of Additional Secretary. Joint Secretary (B-1) and Advisor (DAS) were present in the meeting. List of the participants is annexed.

2. Welcoming the members, the Chairperson stated that the special meeting of the Task Force has been called to discuss and deliberate on the requests received in the Ministry for extending the last date of submitting of applications for registration as multi system operator for operation in phase III areas which had been fixed as 21.12.2014. The suggestion for extension was mooted for consideration of the Task Force with an express objective that more MSOs should be included to complete the mammoth task of digitisation in phase III areas. He added that some people have still doubts that the deadlines may be further extended. He emphasized that there will not be any more extensions in deadline for phase III and phase IV.

3. On the point of extending the submission date of application for MSO registration the following viewpoints emerged;

- i. Many small MSOs are operating in phase III areas who may or may not have still applied for registration.
- ii. Regional units may be set up to facilitate registration of MSOs.
- iii. Ministry may consider starting facility for on line filing of applications by the applicants for grant of MSO registration.

4. After listening to the various suggestions, Chairperson accepted that there was a genuine need to extend the date of applying for MSO registration for operating in DAS notified areas under phase III so that the small MSOs get additional time for registration. It was agreed to extend the date by 4 to 5 weeks to avoid any legal issues on account of denial of registration for operating in phase III areas to those MSOs whose applications were received after the earlier due date. As regards the time taken by Ministry of Home for security clearance he informed the members that the Ministry of Home has assured to issue the said clearances within three months period of receipt of the MSO application. He further mentioned that the cutoff date for applying for registration as MSO is fixed so that in the ensuing period MSO gets sufficient time to operationalize his network.

5. Chairperson informed the members that meetings are being scheduled with MSME/ DeitY/DoT and the representatives of domestic STB manufacturers and CEAMA to discuss the issue of long term financing to STB manufacturers to make STB manufacturing in India a success story. He further informed that information on STB seeding plans is being sought by Ministry from MSOs to know their targets and their preparedness to achieve the same.