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Date 22/12/2016

NOTICE

Subject: Switch over to digital TV transmission on cable TV network in areas under Phase III by 31.01.2017- regarding.

As per Section 4A of the Cable Television Network (Regulation) Act 1995, it is obligatory for every cable operator to transmit or re-transmit programmes of any channel in an encrypted form through a digital addressable system with effect from the date as may be specified in the Notifications dated the 11th November, 2011 & dated the 11th September, 2014.

2. Whereas some MSO Associations/individuals having moved various High Courts obtained either extension of cut-off date/ stay on the operationalisation of the said Notifications. Matter was then raised before the Hon'ble Supreme Court by the Ministry and the Hon'ble Supreme Court vide its order dated 01.04.2016 ordered transfer of all these cases to the Delhi High Court for hearing and disposal.

3. Hon'ble High Court of Delhi has disposed-off most of the cases and it is very likely that the remaining cases will also be finally disposed-off in very near future.

4. In order to provide adequate time for transition of those subscribers who had not switched to digital mode of transmission in the Phase III areas on account of the on-going court proceedings, it is decided that Broadcasters, MSOs and local cable operators (LCOs) will be allowed further time up to 31st January, 2017 after which no analog signal shall be carried in Phase III areas. It may also be noted that no further extension shall be given in future.

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22/12/16
(K. Sanjay Murthy)
Joint Secretary (B-I)

To :

All Chief Secretaries States/UTs.

Copy to : Authorised Officers of States/UTs.

Copy also to : Broadcasters/All MSOs and their linked LCOs.

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I&B Ministry revises timeline for Phase III & Phase IV of Cable TV Digitization

The Ministry of Information & Broadcasting is extending the cut-off date for Phase IV of Cable TV Digitization to 31st March, 2017 in lieu of uncertainty in the market due to pending court cases and unsatisfactory progress of installation of Set Top Boxes (STBs) in Phase IV areas. Digitization in rural areas was targeted to be achieved by 31st December, 2016 under Phase IV. A notification in this regard will be issued shortly.

Ministry is also providing additional time for the remaining subscribers in Phase III areas to switch over to digital mode of transmission by 31st January, 2017 on account of ongoing court proceedings.

In Phase III areas, digitization in remaining urban areas in the country was to be completed by 31st December, 2015. However, some MSO Associations/individuals had moved various High Courts and obtained either extension of cut-off date / stay on the operationalization of the Notifications of the Ministry dated 11.11.2011 and 11.09.2014. The matter was raised before the Hon'ble Supreme Court by the Ministry, transferred all the cases to the Delhi High Court for hearing and disposal vide its order dated 01.04.2016. Hon'ble High Court of Delhi has disposed-off most of the cases and it is very likely that the remaining cases would also be finally disposed-off in very near future.

The Ministry will be issuing instructions to all the Broadcasters, Multi System Operators (MSOs), Local Cable Operators (LCOs) and the Authorised Officers to ensure that no analog signals would be transmitted over the cable networks in Phase III areas after 31st January, 2017. It is also made clear that no further extension of time would be allowed.

The Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Amendment Act, 2011 has made it mandatory for switch-over of the existing analogue Cable TV networks to Digital Addressable System (DAS) in four phases. Digital switch-over has already taken place in Phase-I and II areas.

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