

No. 9/216/2016-DAS
Government of India
Ministry of information and Broadcasting
A-Wing, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi

Dated: 22nd July, 2019

NOTICE

Sub: Seeking Affidavit for mandatory carriage of DD Channels by cable operators on their cable TV Network.

M/o Information and Broadcasting vide Gazette Notification Nos. 2693(E) dated 5.9.2013, SO(E) 1388 dated 25.5.2015 and S.O. 1699(E) dated 07.05.2019 had notified a total of 26 channels, (24 DD Channels Lok Sabha channel and Rajya Sabha Channel) to be mandatorily shown/carried by MSOs/Cable Operators on their respective platforms.

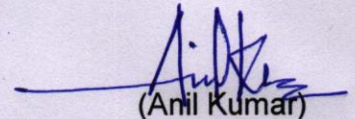
2. As per Section 8 of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 the Central Government may, by notification in the official gazette, specify the names of Doordarshan Channels or the channels operated by or on behalf of Parliament, to be mandatorily carried by the Cable Operators in their cable service and the manner of reception and retransmission of such channels. Further, as per Section 11 of the Cable TV Act, if any MSO doesn't carry mandatory channels on its network in violation of Section 8 of the Act, then the authorised officer (DC/DM/SP/SDM/CP) is empowered to seize the equipment used for operation of Cable TV network of the defaulters.

3. Accordingly, it has been decided by the Ministry that an Affidavit be sought/obtained from applicant MSOs with along with their application and from registered MSOs within a stipulated time frame (within one month from the issue of notice) to carry mandatory DD Channels on their TV network. The Affidavit would be on Stamp Paper of Rs. 100/ which will be sworn before Notary (Public) appointed by Central/ State Government. (copy enclosed).

4. The format of the aforesaid Affidavit is available on the website www.mib.gov.in, www.digitalindiainmib.com and also under the procedure for submission of applications online on the portal of www.broadcastseva.gov.in. Therefore, all the applicant MSOs/registered MSOs are requested to furnish the same (original) to this Ministry on the following address:

To

The Section Officer (DAS)
Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
Room No. 116, A Wing, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi


(Anil Kumar)

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Encl: As above.

To

All applicant MSOs/registered MSOs.

Copy to:

1. Authorized Officers of all States/UTs
2. All Associations (NBA, IBF, ARTBI, MSO Association and LCO Associations)

(अनिल कुमार)
(ANIL KUMAR)
अवर सचिव/Under Secretary
सूचना एवं प्रसारण मन्त्रालय
Min. of Information & Broadcasting
भारत सरकार, नई दिल्ली
Govt. of India, New Delhi

AFFIDAVIT

I/Wethe applicant(s) (individual/ firm /company/association of persons/ body of individuals) for registration as a Cable Operator/ registered as Multi System Operator (MSO) do hereby declare that:

I/We understand that as per Section 8 of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation), Act 1995, the Central Government may, by notification in the official gazette, specify the names of Doordarshan Channels or the channels operated by or on behalf of Parliament, to be mandatorily carried by the Cable Operators in their cable service and the manner of reception and retransmission of such channels.

I/We also understand that Ministry of Information and Broadcasting vide Gazette Notification Nos. 2693(E) dated 5.9.2013, SO(E) 1388 dated 25.5.2015 and S.O. 1699(E) dated 07.05.2019 had notified a total of 26 channels, (24 DD Channels, Lok Sabha Channel and Rajya Sabha Channel) to be mandatorily shown/carried by MSOs/Cable Operators on their respective platforms.

Further, I/We also understand that as per Section 11 of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation), Act 1995, if any MSO does not carry mandatory channels on its network in violation of Section 8 of the Act, then the Authorised Officer (DC/DM/SP/SDM/CP) are empowered to seize the equipment used by such cable operator(s) for operating of Cable TV network of the defaulters.

In view of the above, we hereby submit as under:

- (i) I/We shall ensure that my/our cable television network shall run in accordance with the Section 8 (Compulsory transmission of certain channels) of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation Act 1995) and shall carry on my/our cable TV network all the mandatory channels as mandated by the Central Government from time to time.
- (ii) I/We understand that non-carriage of mandatory channels is punishable under Section 11, 12 and 18 of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995.
- (iii) I/We ensure that I/We shall not dispute action taken by the Authorized Officer/Central Government under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 for any violation of Section 8 (Compulsory transmission of certain channels) of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act 1995) and Rules framed thereunder.

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Signature of Applicant
(individual/ firm/company/association
of persons body of individuals

Name

Address

Place

Date