

**No. F.7(2)/FIN/COM/2011**  
**FINANCE DEPARTMENT**  
**GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA**

17<sup>th</sup>  
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Dated, Agartala, the August, 2011.

**MEMORANDUM**

Cable T.V. Networks (Regulation) Act 1995, a central legislation, has been enacted with a view to regulate the operation of cable television networks in the country. The Section 2 of the Cable T.V. Networks (Regulation) Act 1995, designates the District Magistrate and Sub-Divisional Magistrates as 'authorized officer' in their respective Jurisdictions. In pursuance of the power conferred upon the State Government U/S 2 of the Act, the Commissioner of taxes and excise has been designated as Authorized Officer for the entire state. The cable T.V. Networks Rules, 1994 have been framed by Government of India for implementation and enforcement of the aforesaid Act. The copies of the Act, Rules and Orders are enclosed for ready reference.

2. The Programme & Advertising Codes have been defined in Rule 6 & Rule 7 of the Cable T.V. Networks Rules 1994 respectively. These codes are listed in enclosed Annexure.

3. The Authorized Officers have been given power to take action including seizure of the equipments used for operating the cable television network under Section 11 of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 for violation of the provisions U/S 3, 4A, 5, 6 or 8 of the Act covering the followings :

- (a) Operation of a Cable Television Network without registration in the local Post Office (Section 3).
- (b) Non-carriage of free to air channels and mandatory channels as per list specified in Annexure- I (Section 4A (2), Section 8).
- (c) Violation of Programme and Advertisement Codes (Section 5 and 6)

4. U/S 19, the Authorized Officer is also empowered to prohibit transmission of certain programmes in public interest if any programme or channel carried by it, is not in conformity with the prescribed programme code referred to in Section 5 and advertisement code referred to in Section 6 of the Act or if such programme is likely to promote on grounds of religion,



race, language, caste or community or any other ground whatsoever, disharmony or feelings of enmity, hatred or ill-will between different religious, racial, linguistic or regional groups or castes or communities or which is likely to disturb the public tranquility.

5. The Ministry of Information & Broadcasting Govt. of India vide its order No.2301/7/2003-BC-III dated 6<sup>th</sup> September-2005 has constituted Monitoring Committee for Private Television Channels at District level. In pursuance of the above order of the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting Govt. of India, District Magistrates are directed to set up and notify the District Monitoring Committee with following composition:

- (i) District Magistrate (or Police Commissioner) - **Chairman**
- (ii) District Superintendent of Police - **Member**
- (iii) District Public Relations Officer - **Member**
- (iv) Principal of one of the Women's College in the District (to be selected by the DM) - **Member**
- (v) Representative of a leading NGO working for Children welfare (to be nominated by the DM) - **Member**
- (vi) Representative of a leading NGO working for Women welfare (to be nominated by the DM) - **Member**
- (vii) Academicians/Psychologists/Sociologists (one each to be nominated by the DM) - **Member**

6. The Committee will have following scope while functioning:

- i) To provide a forum where the public may lodge a complaint regarding content aired over cable television and take action on the same as per procedure prescribed herein.
- ii) To review the action taken by Authorized Officers for enforcement of Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995.
- iii) To immediately bring to the notice of State and Central Government if any programme is affecting public order or wide spread resentment in any community.
- iv) To keep a watch on content carried by cable television channels at local level and to ensure, through Authorized Officers, that no unauthorized or pirated channels are carried and local news if aired by the cable television operator is restricted to information about local events and is presented in a manner which is balanced impartial and not likely to offend or incite any community.



- v) To monitor the availability of free to air channels and channels notified for mandatory carriage on the cable network.

7. Procedure for working of the committee has been laid down in Order No. F-1203/1/2007-BC.II dated 18<sup>th</sup> February 2008 of the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting Govt. of India, which will be as follows:

- i) A complaint Cell headed by a nodal Officer at District level should be established and wide publicity be given regarding the constitution of Monitoring Committee and procedure followed by it, including putting it on website of the State/UT.
- ii) The Committee shall ordinarily meet once in two months to look into the complaints brought to its notice by individuals/organizations or take suo-moto notice of violation of provisions of Cable TV Networks Rules, 1994.
- iii) In case the complaint concerns content carried locally by Cable TV Network at its own level, the Committee may call for footage/VCD of the programme/advertisement against which complaint is considered and the common pool of wisdom available within the Committee may form a view about whether a violation has taken place. In case the Committee is of the view that violation has taken place, the Authorized Officer may take action as per Section 11 of the Act after issuing show cause notice to the network and giving them an opportunity to be heard. The representation of the network may also be placed before the Committee for final decision regarding the action to be taken on it by the Authorized Officer.
- iv) In case the complaint pertains to national/regional satellite channels, the Committee may forward its recommendations through the State-level Monitoring Committee to the Government of India. On receipt of such complaint the Central Government shall call for footage/VCD of the concerned programme/advertisement and take a view regarding the same in the Inter-Ministerial Committee constituted in the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting. An advance copy of the recommendation may also be sent directly to the Central Government.
- v) Violations of programme and advertisement code are dealt with by the Central Government in the following manner depending on the seriousness of the violation:



- (a) An Advisory is given to the channel
- (b) Warning is issued.
- (c) Channel is required to scroll an apology for a specified number of days.
- (d) Broadcast is suspended for specified time period.

The District Monitoring Committee can likewise take action against local cable operators in respect of content carried locally only. However, no such action may be taken at their level in respect of National/Regional Satellite Channels. Further, regular meeting of the Committee may be held for redress of public grievances and monitoring of programmes and Advertisements telecast by the Cable TV Channels within the jurisdiction.

**8.** In case it is found that a cable TV network operator is not carrying channels prescribed for mandatory carriage or is carrying them in such a manner that the signal is too poor to be properly visible or audible, the Committee, through Authorized Officer, may direct the cable network to ensure proper carriage of the same and take any other action as it may consider necessary under Section 11.

**9.** In view of the above, the Sub-Divisional Magistrates are hereby requested to take action in respect of the followings:

- (i) Awareness generation about the provisions of the Act, Rules and Rights of the consumers.
- (ii) Ensuring registration of all the Cable TV Networks operating under the act in their jurisdiction as per provision.
- (iii) Regulating the operation of all the Cable operators registered as per the provisions of the Cable Act & Rules.
- (iv) Ensuring maintenance of relevant details in the register in prescribed form by the Cable operator U/S 7 of the Act indicating therein in brief the programmes transmitted or re-transmitted through the cable service.
- (v) Keeping a watch on the running of programme telecast by the operators and taking action promptly against any violation with information to the District Monitoring Committee.
- (vi) Report on functioning of the cable operators to the respective District Magistrate in the first week of every month.

10. The District Magistrates are requested to regularly monitor the functioning of the Cable operators and take prompt actions on any violation in accordance with the law. This is issued with the approval of the Govt. vide U.O. No 615/MIN/FIN/11 dated 12<sup>th</sup> Aug 2011.



**Joint Secretary to the  
Govt. of Tripura: Agartala**

**Enclosures:**

1. The Cable T.V. Networks (Regulation) Act 1995.
2. The Cable T.V. Networks Rules 1994.
3. Order No. 2301/7/2003-BC-III dated 6<sup>th</sup> September-2005 of Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India.
4. Order No. F-1203/1/2007-BC.II dated 19<sup>th</sup> February 2008 of Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India.

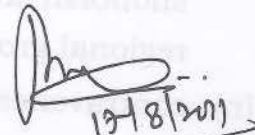
**To**

1. **The District Magistrate,  
North/ South/ West/ Dhalai District**
2. **All the Sub-Divisional Magistrates**

**Copy to:-** The Secretary, ICA Dept. Govt. of Tripura with a request to give wide publicity of the Memorandum and confirmation of action taken within 15 days.

**Copy also for favour of information to :-**

1. The Chief Secretary, Govt. of Tripura, Agartala.
2. The Secretaries of all the Departments, Govt. of Tripura.



**Joint Secretary to the  
Govt. of Tripura: Agartala**



The Rule 6 and Rule 7 of the Cable T.V. Networks Rules 1994 define Programme Code & Advertising Code which is mentioned below:

**Rule 6 : Programme Code :-** (1) No programme should be carried in the cable service which—

- (a) offends against good taste or decency;
  - (b) contains criticism of friendly countries;
  - (c) contains attack on religions or communities or visuals or words contemptuous of religious groups or which promote communal attitudes;
  - (d) contains anything obscene, defamatory, deliberate, false and suggestive innuendos and half truths;
  - (e) is likely to encourage or incite violence or contains anything against maintenance of law and order or which promote anti-national attitudes.
  - (f) contains anything amounting to contempt of court.
  - (g) contains aspersions against the integrity of the President and Judiciary;
  - (h) contains anything affecting the integrity of the Nation;
  - (i) criticises, maligns or slanders any individual in person or certain groups, segments of social, public and moral life of the country;
  - (j) encourages superstition or blind belief;
  - (k) denigrates women through the depiction in any manner of the figure of a woman, her form or body or any part thereof in such a way as to have the effect of being indecent, or derogatory to women, or is likely to deprave, corrupt or injure the public morality or morals;
  - (l) denigrates children;
  - (m) contains visuals or words which reflect a slandering, ironical and snobbish attitude in the portrayal of certain ethnic, linguistic and regional groups;
  - (n) contravenes the provisions of the Cinematograph Act, 1952 (37 of 1952).
  - (o) is not suitable for unrestricted public exhibition.
- (2) The cable operator should strive to carry programmes in his cable service which project women in a positive, leadership role of sobriety, moral and character building qualities.



(3) No cable operator shall carry or include in his cable service any programme in respect of which copyright subsists under the Copyright Act, 1957 (Act 14 of 1957) unless he has been granted a license by owners of copyright under that Act in respect of such programme.

(4) Care should be taken to ensure that programmes meant for children do not contain any bad language or explicit scenes of violence.

(5) Programmes unsuitable for children must not be carried in the cable service at times when the largest number of children are viewing.

**Rule 7 : Advertising Code** —(1) Advertising carried in the cable service shall be so designed as to conform to the laws of the country and should not offend morality, decency and religious susceptibilities of the subscribers.

(2) No advertisement shall be permitted which—

- (i) derides any race, caste, colour, creed and nationality;
- (ii) is against any provision of the Constitution of India;
- (iii) tends to incite people to crime, cause disorder or violence or breach of law or glorifies violence or obscenity in any way;
- (iv) presents criminality as desirable;
- (v) exploits the national emblem, or any part of the Constitution or the person or personality of a national leader or a State dignitary;
- (vi) in its depiction of women violates the Constitutional guarantees to all citizens. In particular, no advertisement shall be permitted which projects a derogatory image of women. Women must not be portrayed in a manner that emphasizes passive, submissive qualities and encourages them to play a subordinate, secondary role in the family and society. The cable operator shall ensure that the portrayal of the female form, in the programmes carried in his cable service is tasteful and aesthetic, and is within the well established norms of good taste and decency;
- (vii) exploits social evils like dowry, child marriage.
- viii) promotes directly or indirectly production, sale or consumption of—
  - (a) cigarettes, tobacco products, wine, alcohol, liquor or other intoxicants;
  - (b) infant milk substitutes, feeding bottle or infant foods.

(3) No advertisement shall be permitted the objects whereof are wholly or mainly of a religious or political nature; advertisements must not be directed towards any religious or political end.

(3A) No advertisement shall contain reference which hurt religious sentiments.

(4) The goods or services advertised shall not suffer from any defect or deficiency as mentioned in the Consumer Protection Act, 1986.

(5) No advertisement shall contain references which are likely to lead the public to infer that the product advertised or any of its ingredients has some special or miraculous or super-natural property or quality, which is difficult of being proved.

(6) The picture and the audible matter of the advertisement shall not be excessively 'loud'

(7) No advertisement which endangers the safety of children or creates in them any interest in unhealthy practices or shows them begging or in an undignified or indecent manner shall not be carried in the cable service.

(8) Indecent, vulgar, suggestive, repulsive or offensive themes or treatment shall be avoided in all advertisements.

(9) No advertisement which violates the standards of practice for advertising agencies as approved by the Advertising Agencies Association of India, Bombay, from time to time shall be carried in the cable service.

(10) All advertisements should be clearly distinguishable from the programme and should not in any manner interfere with the programme viz., use of lower part of screen to carry captions, static or moving alongside the programme.

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No. F-1203/1/2007-BC.II  
Government of India  
Ministry of Information & Broadcasting  
(Broadcasting Wing)

New Delhi, 19<sup>th</sup> February 2008

ORDER

Subject: -Monitoring Committee for Private Television Channels at the State and District levels.

Attention is invited to the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India order No. 2301/7/2003-BC-III dated 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2005 (copy enclosed for ready reference) regarding constitution of State/ District Level Monitoring Committees to enforce the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 (hereafter referred to as the Act). District Level Monitoring Committees have been constituted therein under the Chairmanship of the District Magistrate/Commissioner of Police, as the case may be.

2. It has been noticed that the enforcement of the said Act in many parts of the country is still not satisfactory either due to lack of clear understanding of the role to be played by the District Monitoring Committees or a suitable mechanism to enforce the provisions of the Act. During the review of the functioning of the District and State level Monitoring Committees, it was observed that while a few of the States/UTs have constituted District level Monitoring Committees, others are yet to do so. No State except J&K, has reported the constitution of a State level committee. Further, even where constituted, regular meetings of the district level committees are not being held.

3. An increasing number of petitions are being received in the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India, from viewers regarding malpractices by Cable Operators and undesirable content being shown at the local level by the cable operators. As such it is most necessary in public interest that the District and State level Monitoring Committees appreciate importance of their role and activate the mechanism to enforce the provisions of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and rules framed therein. As such while reiterating the relevant provisions of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and rules therein, these guidelines are being issued to further define the role of the State and District Monitoring Committees and the Authorized Officers as under:

Authorized Officer:

4. The Authorized Officer as defined under Section 2(a) of the Act means within his local limits of jurisdiction –

- (i) a District Magistrate, or
- (ii) a Sub-divisional Magistrate, or
- (iii) a Commissioner of Police

This provision further authorizes the State Government in addition to the Central Government to notify officers other than those already specified in the Act as above to be authorized officers for such local limits of jurisdiction as may be determined by that Government so that the most effective mechanism at local level may be put in place.

✓ Authorized Officers have been given power to seize equipment used for operating the



cable television network under Section 11 of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995. They can do so in cases of contravention of Section 3, 4A, 5, 6 or 8 of the Act in the following eventualities:

- (a) Operation of a Cable Television Network without registration in the local Post Office (Section 3).
- (b) Transmission of pay channels on Cable Television without use of Set Top Boxes (Addressable System) in areas notified for compulsory CAS (i.e. some parts of Chennai, Delhi, Mumbai and Kolkata) [Section 4A (1)].
- (c) Non-carriage of free to air channels and mandatory channels as per list specified in Annexure- I (Section 4A (2), Section 8).
- (d) Charging fees in CAS areas which is higher than that fixed by TRAI as per Annexure-II & III [Section 4A (4)].
- (e) Violation of Programme and Advertisement Codes (Section 5 and 6)

5. Under Section 19, the Authorized Officer is also empowered to prohibit transmission of certain programmes in public interest if any programme or channel carried by it, is not in conformity with the prescribed programme code referred to in Section 5 and advertisement code referred to in Section 6 of the Act or if such programme is likely to promote on grounds of religion, race, language, caste or community or any other ground whatsoever, disharmony or feelings of enmity, hatred or ill-will between different religious, racial, linguistic or regional groups or castes or communities or which is likely to disturb the public tranquility.

#### **District Monitoring Committees:**

6. The District Monitoring Committee is constituted as below:

- |       |  |   |          |
|-------|--|---|----------|
| (i)   | District Magistrate (or Police Commissioner)   | - | Chairman |
| (ii)  | District Superintendent of Police  | - | Member   |
| (iii) | District Public Relations Officer  | - | Member   |
| (iv)  | Principal of one of the Women's College in the District (to be selected by the DM)       | - | Member   |
| (v)   | Representative of a leading NGO working for Children welfare (to be nominated by the DM) | - | Member   |
| (vi)  | Representative of a leading NGO working for Women welfare (to be nominated by the DM)    | - | Member   |
| (vii) | Academicians/Psychologists/Sociologists (one Each to be nominated by the DM)             | - | Member   |

7. To ensure effective functioning of the above Committee, the following guidelines are made:

#### **Scope of the Committee:**

- i) To provide a forum where the public may lodge a complaint regarding content aired over cable television and take action on the same as per procedure prescribed herein.
- ii) To review the action taken by Authorized Officers for enforcement of Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995.
- iii) To immediately bring to the notice of State and Central Government if any programme is affecting public order or wide spread resentment in any community.



- iv) To keep a watch on content carried by cable television channels at local level and to ensure, through Authorized Officers, that no unauthorized or pirated channels are carried and local news if aired by the cable television operator is restricted to information about local events and is presented in a manner which is balanced impartial and not likely to offend or incite any community.
- v) To monitor the availability of free to air channels and channels notified for mandatory carriage on the cable network.

### **Suggested procedure**

8. Following procedure may be followed for handling the cases :

- i) A complaint Cell headed by a nodal Officer at District level should be established and wide publicity be given regarding the constitution of Monitoring Committee and procedure followed by it, including putting it on website of the State/UT.
- ii) The Committee shall ordinarily meet once in two months to look into the complaints brought to its notice by individuals/organizations or take suo moto notice of violation of provisions of Cable TV Networks Rules, 1994.
- iii) In case the complaint concerns content carried locally by Cable TV Network at its own level, the Committee may call for footage/VCD of the programme/advertisement against which complaint is considered and the common pool of wisdom available within the Committee may form a view about whether a violation has taken place. In case the Committee is of the view that violation has taken place, the Authorized Officer may take action as per Section 11 of the Act after issuing show cause notice to the network and giving them an opportunity to be heard. The representation of the network may also be placed before the Committee for final decision regarding the action to be taken on it by the Authorized Officer.
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- v) Violations of programme and advertisement code are dealt with by the Central Government in the following manner depending on the seriousness of the violation:
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  - (b) Warning is issued.
  - (c) Channel is required to scroll an apology for a specified number of days.
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The District Monitoring Committee can likewise take action against local cable operators in respect of content carried locally only. However, no such action may be taken at their level in respect of National/Regional Satellite Channels.

9. In case it is found that a cable network operator is not carrying channels prescribed for mandatory carriage or is carrying them in such a manner that the signal is too poor to be properly visible or audible, the Committee, through Authorized Officer, may direct the cable network to ensure proper carriage of the same and take any other action it may consider necessary under Section 11.

**State-level Monitoring Committee:**

10. The constitution of both State and District-level Committees to enforce the Cable TV Networks Rules was envisaged in the Order dated 6<sup>th</sup> September 2005. The members of the District level Committee were specified by the same order, however, the constitution of the State-level Committee was not specified. The constitution of the State-level Committee is hereby specified as follows:

(i)	Secretary, Information & Public Relations - of the State.	Chairman
(ii)	Representative of the DG of State Police-	Member
(iii)	Secretary, Social Welfare Department - of the State	Member
(iv)	Secretary, Women & Child Development- of the State	Member
(v)	Representative of a leading NGO of the - State working for women (to be nominated by Chief Secretary)	Member
(vi)	Academicians/Psychologists/Sociologists- (one each to be nominated by Chief Secretary)	Member
(vii)	Director (Information) of the State -	Member Secretary

The nominated members shall have a term of two years and shall not be eligible for re-nomination. Any vacancy can be filled up by nominating a new member for a fresh term. The Committee shall meet at least once a year and submit a detailed annual report for the State, including District-wise data of Cable Operators registered within the State and estimated number of TV homes/viewers in the State to the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India before 31<sup>st</sup> December each year.

**Functions:**

11. The functions of the State Level Monitoring Committee will be:

- (i) To see whether District/Local Committees have been formed.
- (ii) To see whether they are meeting regularly.
- (iii) To see whether the authorized officers are effectively performing their duties.
- (iv) To see how many cases are handled by them and what decisions are arrived at.
- (v) To give suggestion/guidance to District/Local Level Committee.
- (vi) To take decision on the matters referred to it by District/Local level Committee.



- (vii) To collate data/information from District/Local Level Committee and forward it to Secretary, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India.
- (viii) To recommend action and forward complaints against satellite channels (National Channels) to the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting through the Chief Secretary of the State in cases of violation of Government of India's orders on the Programme and Advertising Codes.

12. The Chief Secretaries are requested to ensure that State and District Level Committees are set up as envisaged herein and effective implementation of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act is ensured in consultation with representatives of consumers and civil society.

13. Hindi version of this Order will follow.

(Zohra Chatterji)  
Joint Secretary (Broadcasting)  
Tele No. 23382597

To

1. All Chief Secretaries of the State Governments/Union Territories.
2. State Information Secretaries.
3. All District Magistrates



2301/7/2003-BC-III  
Government of India  
Ministry of Information & Broadcasting  
Broadcasting (BC) Wing

Dated : 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2005

ORDER

Subject : Monitoring Committee for Private Television Channels at the State and District Levels.

WHEREAS as per the Section 2 of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995, the District Magistrate or a Sub-Divisional Magistrate or a Commissioner of Police is designated as "authorized officer" within his local limits of jurisdiction by State or Central Government. And whereas as per Section 11 and 12 of aforesaid Cable Act, the authorized officer has the power to seize and confiscate the equipment of the cable operator for violation of Section 5 and 6 of the Cable TV Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995, i.e., violation of Programme Code and Advertisement Code prescribed under Rule 6 and Rule 7 of the Cable Television Network Rules'94 respectively. And whereas, it has been noticed that enforcement of said act in many parts of the country is not satisfactory either due to lack of knowledge or mechanism to enforce the same. And whereas it was unanimously agreed in the 25<sup>th</sup> State Information Ministers Conference (SIMCON) held on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2005 at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi that an enforcement mechanism needs to be constituted to enforce the provisions of Cable Television Network Regulations, 1994.

Now, therefore, it has been decided to constitute a "Monitoring Committee for the Programmes and Advertisements telecast by Cable TV Channels" at the State, District / local level to enforce the Cable Act & Rules. In pursuance of the decision, a Committee with the following as members is hereby constituted:

- |       |   |            |
|-------|---|------------|
| i)    | District Magistrate (or Police Commissioner)  | - Chairman |
| ii)   | District Superintendent of Police   | - Member   |
| iii)  | District Public Relations Officer   | - Member   |
| iv)   | Principal of one of the Women's College,<br>in the district (to be selected by the DM)      | - Member   |
| (v)   | Representative of a leading NGO working<br>for children welfare (to be nominated by the DM) | - Member   |
| (vi)  | Representative of a leading NGO working<br>for women welfare (to be nominated by the DM)    | - Member   |
| (vii) | Academicians / Psychologists / Sociologists<br>(one each to be nominated by DM)             | - Member   |

For cities where Police Commissioner is appointed, he shall be the Chairman of the Committee. In addition, Director, Information & Publicity of the State Government or his nominee shall be a member of the Committee. All other members shall be nominated by the Police Commissioner under various categories listed above.



The nominated members shall have a term of two years. They shall not be eligible for re-nomination. Any vacancy can be filled up by nominating a new member for a fresh term.

NOW THEREFORE, this Monitoring Committee will review and deliberate on the litany of complaints received by "Authorized officer" or take suo-moto cognisance of violations of Programme and Advertisement Codes in the programmes transmitted and re-transmitted in the local cable channels. The Committee will take a decision on the matters referred to it in accordance with the opinion of the majority of the members present at the meeting. The Committee will determine whether a violation of the Codes has taken place and render advice on the further action to be taken in the matter to the 'Authorised Officer'.

FURTHER, the Committee will forward complaints against satellite channels (National channels) to the Additional Secretary, Ministry of information & Broadcasting, Government of India, who is the chairman of the Inter-Ministerial Committee constituted under Section 20 of the Cable Act to look into the violations of Programme and Advertisement Codes.

In respect of content related issues telecast on local cable channels or on satellite TV channels which have local implications, Authorised Officer will take action as per Section 19 of the aforesaid Cable Act. However, content related issues telecast on satellite channels, which have all India implications the necessary action will be taken by Central Government.

Hindi version of this Order will follow.

- Sd -  
(Seema Jere Bisht)  
Director (BC)  
Tel : 23381592

To

1. All Chief Secretaries of the State Governments/Union Territories
2. All District Magistrates

Copy to : Director (BP&L) for information and record.

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LIST OF MANDATORY NATIONAL TV CHANNELS

1. DD 1 (National Channel)
2. DD (News Channel)
3. DD Urdu
4. DD Sports
5. Gyan Darshan
6. DD Rajya Sabha
7. Lok Sabha TV Channel
8. DD Bharati

In all States.

Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Chandigarh, Daman & Diu, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Gujarat, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Lakshdweep, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Orissa, Pondicherry, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Tripura and West Bengal.

LIST OF MANDATORY REGIONAL CHANNELS

9. DD Saptagiri
10. DD North East
11. DD Punjabi
12. DD Gujarati
13. DD Kashir
14. DD Chandana
15. DD Malayalam
16. DD Sahyadri
17. DD Oriya
18. DD Podigai
19. DD Bangla
20. DD Bharti / Local regional Channel

Andhra Pradesh  
Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura  
Punjab and Chandigarh  
Daman & Diu, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Gujarat  
Jammu & Kashmir  
Karnataka  
Kerala and Lakshadweep  
Maharashtra  
Orissa  
Pondicherry and Tamil Nadu  
West Bengal  
Andaman & Nicobar Island, Bihar, Chattisgarh, Delhi, Goa, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan & Sikkim.

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