

F. No. 104/103/2017-CRS (Pt. I)
Government of India
Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

New Delhi, the 27th August, 2018

ORDER

1. The following clauses shall be added in the Policy Guidelines for setting up of Community Radio Stations in India, issued in the year 2002 and as amended in year 2006 and 2017.

Seeking recommendation of District Administration by a private institution / organization:

“1(f): Applications of Private Institutions / organizations may come with the recommendation of District Administration. Further, the private institutions / organizations desirous of setting up CR Station in LWE affected areas / Border areas will also provide site security clearance for installation at the proposed geo-coordinates from local administration.

Registration of NGOs/private bodies on NITI Aayog’s NGO Darpan Portal:

“1(g): NGOs, registered societies and Public Charitable Trusts shall be registered on NITI Aayog’s NGO Darpan portal and the applicant shall provide its Unique ID along with the application.

Preference to *Krishi Vigyan Kendras* (KVKs):

“2(i)(c): Preference may be accorded to KVKs (run by Government), to enable dissemination of information pertaining to agricultural methods, use of modern technology and practices for enhancement of output, consequently enhancing the income of farmers in line with the mandate of the Government.

2. The following clauses shall be substituted in lieu of clauses 2(i)(a), 3(a)(i), 4(v) and 7(iii) in the existing Policy Guidelines for setting up of Community Radio Stations in India.

“2(i)(a): Community based organisations, which satisfy the basic principles listed at para 1 above. These would include civil society and voluntary organisations, State Agriculture Universities (SAUs), ICAR institutions, *Krishi Vigyan Kendras*, Registered Societies and Autonomous Bodies and Public Charitable Trusts {to be self-certified by trustee(s) that they are not blood relatives/members of family (wife or husband, son or daughter, parents, siblings)} registered under Societies Act or any other such act relevant for the purpose. Registration at the time of application should at least be three years old.

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- “3(a)(i): Government Universities, Deemed Universities (Central and State), Government Colleges, Government Schools and Krishi Vigyan Kendras (run by Government) will have single window clearance. No separate clearance shall be necessary. A meeting of Inter-Ministerial Committee shall be convened to consider applications from such organizations. After approval by Secretary, I&B, Letter of Intent (LoI) shall be issued subject to allocation of frequency by WPC Wing.
- “4(v): An applicant / organization shall not be granted more than one permission for CRS operations at one or more places. However, Central / State Universities, including autonomous bodies and Agricultural Universities set up under them, having more than one campus, may be allowed to operate CRS at more than one place, provided, the distance between two CR Stations established by same organization should not be less than 25 Kms.
- “7(iii): Universities, Deemed Universities, Agricultural Universities & Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs), Educational Institutions, and also branch campus, if any, shall be permitted to locate the transmitter and antenna within the geographical area of the community they seek to serve. The geographical area (including the names of villages / institutions etc.) should be clearly spelt out along with the location of the transmitter and antenna in the application form.

This issues with the approval of competent authority.


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