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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING  
'A' WING, SHASTRI BHAWAN,  
NEW DELHI - 110001

Dated: 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2024

To,

**All Private Satellite TV Channels**

**Subject: Advisory to all Private Satellite TV channels to refrain from showing live coverage of anti-terrorist operation by security forces reg.**

Attention is invited to the anti-terrorist operations which are carried out by Security Forces in Kathua and Doda districts of Jammu. It has come to the notice of this Ministry that during ongoing anti-terrorist operations on 11.06.2024 and 12.06.2024 in Kathu & Doda Districts of Jammu, some News TV channels are carrying extensive coverage of these operations.

2. Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has already issued advisories to all TV channels in adherence to Rule 6(1)(p) of Cable Television Networks (Amendment) Rules, 2021 (Copies of earlier advisories annexed). Rule 6(1)(p) states that no programme should be carried in the cable service which contains live coverage of any anti-terrorist operation by security forces, wherein media coverage shall be restricted to periodic briefing by an officer designated by the appropriate Government, till such operation concludes.

3. Such telecast is in violation of Cable Television Networks (Amendment) Rules, 2021 and liable for action thereunder. Therefore, all TV channels are advised not to telecast live coverage of anti-terrorist operation by the security forces in interest of national security and to safeguard innocent lives. Media coverage may be restricted to periodic briefing by an officer designated by the appropriate Government till the operation concludes.

4. This issues with the approval of competent authority in the Ministry.

  
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Copy to:-

1. Self-Regulatory Bodies of TV channels registered under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995
2. Association/ Bodies of Electronic Media
3. Broadcast Seva Portal

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Government of India  
Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

New Delhi, the 20<sup>th</sup> of March, 2015.

**ADVISORY**

Whereas the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has already issued advisories to all TV channels on 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2008, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2008 and 20<sup>th</sup> November 2009 in Public interest and in the interest of National Security not to focus on or report the location, strength, movement, strategy and other related operations being followed by the security forces engaging with the terrorists so as to avoid any adverse impact on rescue operations.

Whereas it has again come to the notice of this Ministry that some TV channels have covered live ongoing anti-terrorist operations on 20.03.2015.

Therefore, all TV channels are hereby advised in public interest, to safeguard innocent lives, to ensure that no operations-linked information reaches the terrorists and their handlers, and in the interest of national security, live coverage of counter-terrorism operation(s) by the security forces should not be telecast. The media coverage may be restricted to periodic briefing by an earmarked official till the operation concludes. Your attention is drawn to Clauses 5.9 and 8.1 of the Uplinking guidelines and Clauses 5.8 and 6.1 of the downlinking Guidelines as well as applicable provisions of the Cable TV Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and Rules thereunder in this regard.

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To:

All TV Channels.

Copy to:

1. News Broadcasters Association.
2. Indian Broadcasting Foundation.

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WHEREAS the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has notified the Cable Television Networks (Amendment) Rules, 2015, which states that No programme shall be carried in the cable service which contains live coverage of any anti-terrorist operation by security forces, wherein media coverage shall be restricted to periodic briefing by an officer designated by the appropriate government, till such operation concludes.

WHEREAS it has been brought to the notice of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting that during today's ongoing anti-terrorist operations in Gurdaspur, Punjab, some News and Current Affairs TV channels have carried telecast of these operations without restricting themselves to periodic briefing by an officer designated by the appropriate Government, though the operations had not been concluded.

WHEREAS such telecast is in clear violation of the Cable Television Networks (Amendment) Rules, 2015, and is therefore liable for action thereunder.

Therefore, it is hereby advised to desist from further violation of the above said Rules with immediate effect.

  
27/7/15  
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To  
All News and Current Affairs TV Channels

Copy to:

1. Shri. Rajat Sharma, President, News Broadcasters Association.
2. Shri. Uday Shankar, President, Indian Broadcasting Federation.