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Government of India  
Ministry of Information & Broadcasting  
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Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi  
Date: the 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2026

**ORDER**

In pursuance of Clause 12.1 and Clause 24.1 of the Private FM Radio Phase III Policy, 2011, which mandate that permission holders shall adhere to the Programme and Advertisement Code followed by All India Radio (or any other code prescribed by the Central Government), and provide for action in case of violations, the Central Government hereby constitutes an Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) to examine such violations and recommend appropriate action.

2. Accordingly, under clause 24.1 of Private FM Radio Policy an Inter-Ministerial Committee is hereby constituted as follows:

a. Additional Secretary/ Joint Secretary, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting	Chairperson
b. Representative, Ministry of Home Affairs	Member
c. Representative, Ministry of Women & Child Development	Member
d. Representative, Department of Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution	Member
e. Representative from Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)	Member
f. Representative from Press Council of India	Member
g. Representative from Bar Council of India	Member
h. Representative from All India Radio Programme Wing	Member
i. Deputy Secretary/ Director, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting	Member- Convener

**(Note: The participating ministry may kindly ensure that the representative shall not be below the rank of Deputy Secretary/Director)**

3. IMC will meet periodically and hear complaints regarding violation or contravention of the *PROGRAMME and ADVERTISING CODES* that may be referred to it by the Central Government.

4. The Inter-Ministerial Committee shall examine complaints or grievances placed before it and make appropriate recommendations to the Central Government, including:

(a) imposition of penalties for violation of Clause 12.1 of the Private FM Radio Policy, as per Clause 24.2 thereof;

*As per Clause 12.1, the permission holder shall follow the same Programme and Advertisement Code as followed by All India Radio as amended from time to time or any other applicable code, which the Central Government may prescribe from time to time.*

*Further as per Clause 24.1, in case there is any violation of conditions cited in 11.1, 11.2 and 12.1, Government may suo motto or on basis of complaints take cognisance and place the matter before the Inter-ministerial Committees on Programme and Advertising Codes for recommending appropriate penalties. On the recommendation of the Committee a decision to impose penalties shall be taken. However, before the imposition of a penalty the Permission Holder shall be given an opportunity to represent its case. The Ministry shall however be at liberty to specify any other mechanism to take action for such violations.*

(b) directing the broadcaster to delete or modify content, or to take a programme or channel off-air for a specified period, for reasons to be recorded in writing.

5. The recommendations of the Inter-Ministerial Committee shall be considered by the Central Government for taking a final decision regarding imposition of penalties or other appropriate action.

6. Based on the recommendation of the Committee a decision to impose penalties shall be taken. However, before the imposition of a penalty the Permission Holder shall be given an opportunity to represent its case.

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To,

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Copy for information to, with the request to nominate a suitable representative:

1. The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs.
2. The Secretary, Ministry of Women & Child Development.
3. The Secretary, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution
4. The Secretary General, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry.
5. The Secretary, Press Council of India.
6. The Chairman, Bar Council of India.
7. The Director General, Akashwani.

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