

No.104/103/2013-CRS
Government of India
Ministry of Information & Broadcasting

New Delhi, Dated the 19th January 2017

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 2006.

Grant of Permission Agreement Conditions:

- “4(viii): Grant of Permission Agreement shall be extended for a period of five (5) years at a time. First extension shall be granted on the basis of an application and verification of adherence to the terms and conditions of the permission. The application for extension shall be submitted in the fourth year of operation.
- “4(ix): For second extension i.e extension beyond ten (10) years, the continuous operation of CRS by the permission holder for 10 years will be treated as ground for extension. CRS should submit their application for extension of permission one year before end of the permission period.

Transmitter Power and Range:

- “7(v): In disaster situations the District Magistrate’s permission shall be sufficient to relocate CRS. However, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting should be informed of the change of place by both the CRS and District Magistrate.

2. The following clauses shall be substituted in lieu of clauses 5(vi) and 8(ii) in the current Policy Guidelines for setting up of Community Radio Stations in India, issued in the year 2006.

- “5(vi): The Permission Holder shall not broadcast any programmes, which relate to news and current affairs and are otherwise political in nature. However, CRS can broadcast news and current affairs contents sourced exclusively from AIR in its original form or translated into the local language/dialect. AIR shall source its news to CRS without any charges. It will be the responsibility of the CRS permission holder to ensure that the news is not distorted or edited during translation.

The broadcast pertaining to the following categories will be treated as non-news and current affairs broadcast and will therefore be permissible:

- (a) Information pertaining to sporting events excluding live coverage. However live commentaries of sporting events of local nature may be permissible;
- (b) Information pertaining to Traffic and Weather;
- (c) Information pertaining to and coverage of local cultural events, festivals;
- (d) Coverage of topics pertaining to examinations, results, admissions, career counseling;
- (e) Availability of employment opportunities;
- (f) Public announcements pertaining to civic amenities like electricity, water supply, natural calamities, health alerts etc. as provided by the local administration;

Cont. on page 2/-

(g) Such other categories not permitted at present that may subsequently be specifically permitted by Ministry of Information and Broadcasting from time to time.

“8(ii): Transmission of sponsored programmes shall not be permitted except programmes sponsored by Central & State Governments and other organisations to broadcast public interest information. In addition, limited advertising and announcements relating to local events, local businesses and services and employment opportunities shall be allowed. The maximum duration of such limited advertising will be restricted to 7 (seven) minutes per hour of broadcast.

This issues with the approval of competent authority.



Mihir Kumar Singh

Joint Secretary to the Government of India

Copy to: -

1. Cabinet Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat.
2. Secretary, Department of Telecommunications.
3. Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs.
4. Secretary, Ministry of Defence.
5. Secretary, Ministry of Human Resource Development.
6. Secretary, TRAI.
7. Wireless Advisor, Wireless Planning and Coordination Wing.