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Ministry of Information & Broadcasting

'A' Wing, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001

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ORDER

The Government is pleased to constitute a "Committee" to make recommendations for Radio Broadcasting for Phase – II. The Committee will consist of the following: -

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1. Amit Mitra (Chair Person) - FICCI
2. Dilip Chennoy - CII
3. Kiran Karnik - NASCOM
4. Ameen Sayani - Radio Personality
5. P.K. Garg, Wireless Adviser - WPC
6. K.M.Paul, E-in-C - AIR
7. KRP Verma, CMD - BECIL
8. Shardul Shroff - Amirchand Mangal Das
9. Ms Noreen Naqvi, DDG (Prog) - AIR
10. Ms Mahua Pal, Director- Ministry of I & B

3. The Committee may co-opt experts in the field as may be considered necessary from time to time, to obtain advice/inputs.

4. The Terms of Reference of the Committee will, inter-alia, include the following:-

- (i) Determining a transparent and effective bidding /auction process to be adopted for allotment of frequencies.
- (ii) Assessment of a viable licensee fee structure for the various cities (one time entry fee, fixed licence fees, revenue sharing etc.) to be based on clearly defined parameters.

- (iii) Suggestions regarding extent of foreign equity participation in private FM in order to make them economically more viable/sustainable while also keeping in mind regimes in other sectors and requirements of national security.
 - (iv) Study the desirability and legal implications of making modifications in licensing regime of Phase-I licencees should a different licensing regime be proposed for phase-II.
 - (v) Suggestions for improvement in content being broadcast and considering the inclusion of news.
 - (vi) Examining the possibility of having non-commercial, non-advertisement driven channels, to be operated/licenced by the same commercial broadcasters; terms & conditions thereof; consideration of whether type of content of these channels could include subjects related to the heritage and culture of India.
 - (vii) Recommendations for a code of conduct in programming matters and method of strict enforcement for violations thereof.
 - (viii) Assessment of whether colocation is necessary and desirable and if found otherwise, approach to be adopted in the metros, where colocated set ups involving huge investments stand operationalised.
 - (ix) Determining the legal implications of the regime which may be proposed vis-à-vis the existing one.
 - (x) Formulating draft bidding documents and contract/licence agreement.
 - (xi) Other matters as may be referred to the Committee from time to time.
5. The Members of the Committee would participate and contribute on a voluntary basis and no Traveling/Daily Allowance or other incidental expenses would be payable by the Government.
6. The Committee will submit its report by the 30th September, 2003.

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To,

All the members of the Committee.