

**F. No. 23.2/1/2004-BC.III (Part-1)**  
**Ministry of Information and Broadcasting**  
**Broadcasting Wing.**

**Dated 29.5.2006.**

**Subject:** carrying illegal television channels in violation of the downlinking guidelines in Cable/DTH service.

The undersigned is directed to inform you that as per the 'policy guidelines for downlinking of television channels' issued on 11.11.2005 by this Ministry all the television channels uplinked from abroad and downlinked into India have to register themselves before the expiry of 180 days from the date of this notification. The last date for such registration expired on 10.5.2006. The notification of the Cable Television Network (Amendment) Rules 2006 and the amendment to DTH guidelines was issued on 11.5.2006. As per this, a cable operator may continue to carry or include, in his cable service any television broadcast or channel, only those TV channels which had made an application for registration to the Central Government on or before the date of such commencement or till such registration has been granted or refused whichever is earlier, The details of the 173 television channels permitted to uplink from India, the details of the 65 television channels uplinked from abroad and downlinked in India and notification issued by this Ministry on downlinking guidelines are posted on ministry's web-site <http://mib.nic.in>.

2. In the light of the above all MSOs / DTH Operators/ cable Operators with head-ends are directed give following information within seven(7) days of receipt of this letter.

- To intimate this ministry the names of the Channels that have been disconnected for telecasting, giving specific dates from which these have been disconnected.
- To intimate this Ministry the names of channels that are not permitted/ registered by the ministry of I&B and which are still being carried in their networks and reasons for violation of the Cable Television networks (Regulation) Act1995 and the Rules framed thereunder, the notification of the Cable Television Network (Amendment)Rules 2006 vide F.No 2302/1/2004 BC III, dated 11.5.2006 and DTH license agreement amendment order dated 11.5.2006.

3. Apart from the above, all MSOs/DTH Operators and COFI are directed to sensitize and activate all the Cable/DTH operators about the new regime and inform the action taken to this Ministry within seven days of receipt of this letter.

**(Prawin Kumar)**  
**Director**  
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To

1. All MSO's
2. Smt. Roop Sharma, President, Cable Operators Federation of India (COFI)  
13/97, New Rajori Apartments, Subhash Nagar, New Delhi-27

3. Lt. Col. (Retd) K.K. Sharma, Publisher & Chief Editor, cable Quest, 13/97, New Rajori Apartments, Subhash Nagar, New Delhi-27 (with a request to give a wide publicity in their magazine)
4. M/s. ASC Enterprises (Agrani), J-27, South extension, Part-I, ND-49 (Shri Rajiv Khattar, President-project, FC-19; Sector 16-A, Film City, NOIDA-201301)
5. DD-Direct Plus, Engineering-in-Chief, DG: Doordarshan, Doordarshan Bhawan, Copernicus Marg, ND -1
6. Copy to US (BP&L)s