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The Ministry of Information & Broadcasting grants registrations to Multi-System Operators (MSOs) and Local Cable Operators (LCOs) to operate Cable Television Networks under rules 11C and 5 of the Cable Television Networks Rules, 1994 (the Rules).

2. To streamline the registration process and promote the Government's initiative of 'Ease of Doing Business', the rule 11A of the Rules requires all applications for new registrations or renewals to be submitted exclusively through the Broadcast Seva Portal (<https://new.broadcastseva.gov.in>) along with the prescribed documents and processing fee.

3. However, it has come to the notice of this Ministry that certain individuals and entities, acting as "consultants" are approaching prospective applicants and demanding additional fee in the garb of service charges with a "promise" to get the process expedited.

4. In this regard, the following is hereby clarified for the information of all stakeholders:

(a) The details regarding processing fee prescribed for registration/renewal is as follows:

S.No.	Details	Fee	Registration Validity	Rule
1	Processing fee payable for MSO registration / renewal	Rs. 1,00,000/-	10 years	Rule 11A and 11C of the Rules
2	Processing fee payable for LCO registration / renewal	Rs. 5,000/-	5 years	Rule 3 of the Rules

(b) The fee must be deposited through the integrated online payment gateway on the Broadcast Seva Portal. No offline payments, cash transactions, or payments to third-party accounts are authorised.

(c) The Ministry does not seek any other additional charges for processing registration/renewal applications.

(d) Applications are processed in a transparent manner and in accordance with the prescribed statutory requirements. No external individual or consultant can influence or accelerate this process. The applicant can also check the status of their application on the Broadcast Seva Portal.

5. All persons desirous of seeking registration / filing application are, therefore, advised to beware of such fraudulent consultants and refrain from making any payments beyond the prescribed fee.

6. For further clarification, the applicant can contact the Ministry directly at 011-23387774 or through email at sodas-moiab@gov.in.

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