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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
Ministry of Information & Broadcasting

Shastri Bhawan, Dr Rajendra Prasad Marg  
New Delhi, Delhi – 110001

Dated the 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2020

To

1. News Broadcasters Association
2. Indian Broadcasting Foundation
3. All registered MSOs
4. MSOs Association
5. LCOs Association
6. General Public and all stakeholders

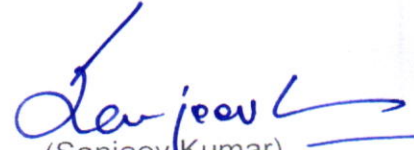
Subject: Extension of time for soliciting suggestions/feedback/comments/inputs/views from general public/stakeholders on decriminalization of minor offences under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995.

With reference to this Ministry's letter of even number dated 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2020, it was earlier decided in this Ministry to undertake a detailed exercise to decriminalize minor offences under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995.

2. In this regard, the decision of this Ministry to delete the entire provision of Section 16, Section 17 and Section 18 under Chapter – IV of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995, captioned as "OFFENCES AND PENALTIES" and to shift the addition regarding Treatment of Violations under Section 5 (Programme Code) and Section 6 (Advertisement Code) under Section 11 as its sub-Section (1) from Section 16 in the said Act was duly conveyed by putting the same in public domain, for which comments from general public/stakeholders were sought for by 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2020. However, this Ministry has now decided to extend the deadline for the same by 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2020.

3. As such, general public and all the stakeholders concerned may send their valuable comments on the matter to this Ministry latest by 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2020 at <sodas-moiab@gov.in>.

4. The Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 may be referred to on this Ministry's official website <https://mib.gov.in>.

  
(Sanjeev Kumar)

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