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MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING
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ADVISORY

WHEREAS it has come to the notice of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting that vulgar and objectionable content is very often being broadcast on several FM Radio Channels. It has also been noticed that the language used by many Radio Jockeys is indecent, dual meaning and offensive. They often make defamatory and derogatory comments which do not appear to be in good taste.

Whereas clause 7.6 of Grant of Permission Agreement (GOPA) provides that the permission holder shall ensure that no content, messages, advertisement or communication, transmitted in its Broadcast Channel is objectionable, obscene, unauthorized or inconsistent with the laws of India.

Whereas Clause 11.1 of GOPA provides that the permission holder shall follow the same programme and advertisement code as followed by All India Radio as amended from time to time or any other applicable code, which the central Government may prescribe from time to time.

Whereas airing such type of content is in gross violation of clauses 7.6 and 11.1 of GOPA signed by FM Radio channels with the Government of India.

AND WHEREAS clause 25.3 of the GOPA provides that, in the event of the permission holder violating any of the term and conditions of permission or any other provisions of the FM radio policy, the Grantor shall have the right to impose the sanctions for suspension of the permission and prohibition of broadcast as prescribed therein.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, in exercise of powers flowing from the GOPA hereby advises all FM Radio channels to strictly adhere to the terms and conditions prescribed therein and not to air any content in violation thereof. All the Channels must exercise discretion and restraint in broadcast of such contents.

Strict compliance to the above direction should be ensured by all FM Radio channels. Any violation shall entail such penal action as deemed fit in accordance with the terms and condition laid down in GOPA.


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