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It has come to the notice of this Ministry that a fatal accident happened at the C.T.I. site at Vijayawada in which a technician died on the spot due to electrocution. It is also learnt that the two Pvt. FM operators at C.T.I. Vijayawada have outsourced the operation and maintenance of their Transmitters to an agency, and the deceased technician was deployed for transmitter operation/duty by the same agency while trying to replace the HI Fuse on a pole.

2. Attention of all Pvt. FM Broadcasters is invited to the stipulations in the GOPA signed by them with Government of India, which require that the Permission Holder shall be solely responsible for the operation of necessary equipment and systems as well as attending to claims and damages arising out of his operations.

3. The Pvt. FM Broadcasters are required to ensure that the Common Transmission Infrastructure (CTI) setups are being maintained and operated as per Standard operational procedure required for broadcasting and electrical equipment/machinery setup. The persons operating in the C.T.I. setups should have proper technical knowledge and adequate level of education to handle the operation and maintenance of broadcasting equipment and the associated electrical equipments. They should also be aware of the standard practices and safety measures to be followed in the operation and maintenance of broadcasting and allied electrical equipments. At least two skilled technicians should be deployed on duty for transmitter operation & maintenance and to attend to other electrical operations required.

4. Further, to prevent occurrence of any mishaps, all the FM Radio Broadcasters are directed to attend to the following requirements under intimation to this Ministry:-

- a) CTI building, sanitation and cleanliness should be maintained properly.
- b) Proper Functioning of Aviation lights at all times, else it can cause aviation hazards.
- c) Broadcasters should follow good engineering practices, and also ensure proper access, clearance for operation & maintenance and movement required under the electricity rules are strictly followed.
- d) Firefighting equipment should be recharged / refilled regularly as per the Standard Fire Practices / Stipulations.
- e) Proper Shock Treatment / First Aid facilities should be readily available in case of any emergency.


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To

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