ADVISORY

Subject:-To initiate action by the Authorised Officers against defaulting MSOs/Cable Operators who are transmitting analog signals on cable TV network in any part of the country- regarding.

The Ministry vide Gazette Notification dated 23.12.2016 (copy attached) had extended the cut-off date of switch over to digital in Phase IV areas to 31.03.2017 and a circular was issued on 30.3.2017 (copy attached) to ensure switch off of analog signals in Phase IV areas by 1.4.2017.

2. As per Section 4A of the Cable Television Network (Regulation) Act 1995, it is obligatory for every cable operator to transmit or re-transmit programmes of any channel in an encrypted form through a digital addressable system with effect from the date(s) as may be specified/ notifies by the Ministry from time to time. As per Section 2 of the Act, DM, SDM and CP are the authorised officers who have powers (Sec 11) to seize the equipment used for operating Cable TV Network if there are violations of provisions of the Cable Act, including Sec 4A.

3. Since only digital encrypted signals can now be transmitted over cable TV network in every part of the country, you are, therefore, requested to ensure that no analog signals are transmitted by any cable operator and in the eventuality of any MSOs/Cable Operators having not complied with these directions/orders, you may initiate action under Sec. 11 of the Cable TV Networks (Regulation) Act, if they are still continuing to carry analog signal, violating Sec. 4A of the Cable TV Act under intimation to this Ministry.

4. It may be added that some complaints for carriage of analog signals are being received in the Ministry. These are being sent to the respective Authorized officers separately for taking action.

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