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## **OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

Subject: Requisition of Registration Details and Certificate of Registrations from Local Cable Operators (LCOs) under Rule 10A of the Cable Television Networks Rules, 1994-reg.

The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting vide Office Memorandum (OM) of even number dated 08.02.2024 had directed all LCOs to furnish the requisite details through the Broadcast Seva Portal up to 23.02.2024. This initiative aims to assign a National Registration Number to each LCO and compile a National Register of LCOs. Additionally, Multi-System Operators (MSOs) and HITS operators were instructed to ensure that LCOs with interconnection agreements submit the required information within the prescribed time limit.

2. Furthermore, MSOs and HITS operators were instructed to engage in interconnection agreements solely with LCOs listed in the 'National Register of LCOs' published on the Broadcast Seva Portal starting, from April 1st, 2024.

3. However, this Ministry has received requests from various associations of LCOs regarding extension in time period granted to furnish the details vide office memorandum ibid.

4. In view of the above, the Competent Authority has decided to extend the timeline to furnish the requisite details upto 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024. MSOs and HITS operators are again requested to ascertain that LCOs having interconnection agreement with them have furnished the requisite details in Broadcast Seva Portal.

5. Further, it is also brought to the notice of LCOs that as per second proviso of section 4(5) of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995, an applicant may prefer an appeal

against the order of registering Authority refusing grant or renewal of registration to the Central Government. In this regard, aggrieved LCOs may file appeal before the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting at email <u>lco.das@gov.in</u> by furnishing copy of application made to the Registering Authority, order of refusal by Registering Authority, and evidence of payment of fee within 30 days of the order of rejection.

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То

- 1) All Cable Operators
- 2) HITS operator
- 3) AIDCF
- 4) Associations of LCOs