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Government of India
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING
'A' wing, Shastri Bhwan, New Delhi- 110001

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NOTICE

Subject: Use of unauthorized SNG/ DSNG equipment - reg.

Use of SNG/DSNG equipment for newsgathering/uplinking content is regulated under the 'Guidelines for Uplinking of Television channels from India, 2011' which inter alia provides that a broadcaster/news agency/teleport operator permitted as such by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting is required to seek permission of the Ministry for use (including for taking on hire) of such equipment, and further only (i) a teleport operator (having a valid permission); or (ii) Doordarshan are permitted under the Guidelines to provide on hire such equipment for broadcasting/uplinking; no other person/entity is authorized to provide such equipment for broadcast/uplinking, on hire or by any other mode.

2. It has, however, come to the notice of this Ministry that some entities/persons are unauthorizedly giving on hire SNG/ DSNG equipment to news channels/ news agencies, etc. for commercial use of uplinking/broadcasting through illegal means. The Ministry has taken a serious view of it and action is being taken against such entities and the owners of news channels/agencies which have indulged in hiring such equipment from the unauthorized entities/persons.

3. All news channels, news agencies and teleport operators are hereby notified to strictly adhere to the extant Guidelines and to ensure that (i) SNG/ DSNG equipment are purchased/hired only after obtaining due permission of Ministry of Information and Broadcasting; and (ii) SNG/DSNG equipment is hired only from a permitted teleport operator or from Doordarshan, under permission of this Ministry, and not from any other entity or person. Any illegal purchase/hiring of SNG/ DSNG equipment shall be viewed seriously and penal action will be taken against both the user as well as the owner of such SNG/DSNG equipment.


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To

All Broadcasters and Teleport Operators