The permissions for Uplinking and Downlinking of private satellite TV channels in India are given in accordance with the respective Guidelines. The Guidelines are displayed on the website of the Ministry. The Ministry follows an absolutely transparent process of granting permission as required under these Guidelines. The process of granting permission includes mandatory clearances from Ministries/Departments like Finance (Department of Revenue), Department of Space, Home Affairs, etc.

Of late, it has been reported to the Ministry that certain individuals claiming to be experts are offering consultancy for getting permission for Uplinking and Downlinking of channels. The Ministry of I&B wishes to make it categorically clear that the Ministry does not recognize any such consultants and that they have no role in getting permission from I&B Ministry. Ministry has a transparent set of rules and procedures and they are scrupulously followed.

The Ministry has decided that to expedite the clearances for the permission for Uplinking and Downlinking, Director(BC), Ms Supriya Sahu, would hold a monthly meeting on 5th of every month between 11A.M. & 12 Noon, to entertain any difficulty that the applicants are experiencing in getting the clearance. The applicants can use this opportunity to submit any relevant information/documents pertaining to their applications or uplinking/downlinking guidelines as also clarify any issues. This initiative should facilitate the completion of documentation and response to queries that may require answers by the applicants and also obviate the need and practice of unnecessary visit(s) to the Ministry by applicants.