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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CABLE T.V NETWORK HELD ON 06/12/2019 AT 4.00 PM IN THE CHAMBER OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE & COLLECTOR WEST TRIPURA.

List of participants may be perused at Annexure-A

The D.M & Collector, West Tripura District welcomed all the participants and elaborated the purpose of meeting. Since a long time period, the activities of the Multi System Operators (MSO) and the Local Cable Operators (LCO) under the Control of concerned MSOs have not been regulated in conformity to the TRAI Guidelines and Cable TV Network Regulation Act, 1995. Accordingly, the DM & Collector, West Tripura appealed to the MSOs, LCOs for strict compliance of the aforesaid Act & Rules.

1. Renewal/Registration by the LCOs:-

The DM & Collector, West Tripura categorically instructed the MSO to ensure that all the linked LCOs under their control should mandatorily obtain the Registration Certificate from the Head Post master, Agartala HPO in conformity to Rule 3(1) of the Cable TV Network Rules, 1994.

The Head postmaster, Agartala (HPO) was requested to share the list of LCOs in West Tripura District alongwith the list defaulting LCOs which have not renewed their registration.

2. Registration of LCOs linked to the concerned MSOs:-

The proprietors of 2(two) nos active MSOs namely Sristi Cable Network and Hamari Digital Pvt were instructed to submit the list of LCOs under their jurisdiction and ensure that the registration/Renewal process under Rule 3 of the Cable TV Network rules 1994 is completed within **31st December 2019 repeat by 31st December 2019** Any violation of the order will initiate stern action as per Act & Rules.

3. List of LCOs to be submitted by the SDMs:-

The DM & Collector, West Tripura instructed all the SDMs namely Sadar, Jirania and Mohanpur to submit a list of Registered/unregistered LCOs under their Jurisdiction, so that the same can be cross checked with similar list provided by the MSOs concerned.

4. GST Registration of LCOs:-

The Superintendent of Taxes, West Tripura informed that a good number of LCOs/MSOs have not deposited their GST(Entertainment Tax)as per prevailing procedure. The DM & Collector, West Tripura instructed the Superintendent of Taxes to share the list of MSOs/ LCOs who have been a defaulter in depositing GST so that appropriate action can be initiated without further delay.



Lodging FIR against the unregistered MSO/LCOs:-

The DM & Collector, West Tripura reiterated that FIR will be lodged against those MSOs/LCOs who have been providing Cable TV Services without being registered under Rule 3 of the Cable TV Network Rules 1994.

6. Mandatory display of Agreement between MSO & LCOs:-

The DM & Collector reiterated that each of the LCOs should Compulsorily under go an agreement with the concerned MSO and should keep a copy of the agreement readily available in their office to that any inspecting official can see the same during inspection.

7. Defaulting NXT Cable TV Network:-

The issue related to NXT Cable TV Network was elaborately discussed in meeting. The proprietor of NXT Cable TV having its office at Belabar, P.S. A.D Nagar was issued with a Notice for remaining present in the meeting, yet no representative turned up. However, the proprietor of the SITI Cable TV Network being Present in the meeting claimed that through he is not representing NXT Digital but he is aware of the fact that NXT Digital Cable TV Network Limited has undergone a formal tie-up with Mumbai based Grant Investrade Ltd. under the Headend-In-The-Sky(HITS) Broadcasting service as per guideline issued by MIB. The D.M & Collector West Tripura instructed NXT Digital Cable TV Network to submit a copy of the agreements with in 7 days. In addition the SDM Sadar was instructed to ensure that the concerned NXT Digital Cable TV Network complies the instruction letter and sprit.

7. Monthly review meeting to be conducted by the MSO/HITS:-

The DM & Collector, West Tripura instructed the MSOs/HITS to conduct meeting with the LCOs every month and submit related information as per format which already communicated.

Conclusively, the D.M & Collector instructed the SDMs concerned to keep a strict vigil on the functioning of the MSOs and LCOs within their jurisdiction on regular basis.

The representative of the MSOs were categorically instructed to follow the instruction of the MIB and guidelines of TRAI in letter and sprit. Any violation will be invite strict action.

The meeting ended by expressing gratitude to all the participants.

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