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Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
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The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting issue certificate of registration to the Multi-System Operators (MSOs) and the Local Cable Operators (LCOs) (collectively known as cable operators) under rules 11C and 5 respectively, of the Cable Television Networks Rules, 1994 (the Rules). Such registration is subject to adherence to the terms and conditions stipulated therein which *inter alia* include compliance with the provisions of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 (the Act) and the Rules.

2. Sub-section (1) of section 8 of the Act empowers the Central Government to notify the names of Doordarshan channels or the channels operated by or on behalf of Parliament, to be mandatorily carried by the cable operators in their cable service (mandatory channels) and the manner of reception and re-transmission of the said channels.

3. In exercise of these powers, this Ministry vide Notification No. S.O. No. 2693 (E) dated 05.09.2013 (the principal notification) had notified the list of mandatory channels that are to be essentially carried by the cable operators on their cable TV networks.

4. The principal notification has been subsequently amended to modify the list of mandatory channels, the last such amendment having been made vide S.O. No. 292 (E) dated 19.01.2024. Advisories to the cable operators have been issued from time to time with instructions to ensure carriage of mandatory channels on their network.

5. Now, in exercise of these powers, this Ministry vide Notification No. S.O. 325 (E) dated 17.01.2025 has further modified the list of mandatory channels by way of

modification of existing mandatory channels, viz. S No. 16, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 28 with channels as under:

SN	Name of Channel	Genre
1	DD Assam	General Entertainment (Regional)
2	DD Odia	General Entertainment (Regional)
3	Sansad TV-1 HD	News and Current Affairs (Lok Sabha)
4	Sansad TV-1	News and Current Affairs (Lok Sabha)
5	Sansad TV-2 HD	News and Current Affairs (Rajya Sabha)
6	Sansad TV-2	News and Current Affairs (Rajya Sabha)

6. Further, vide above amendment, certain new channels have been added in the said list of mandatory channels as under:

SN	Name of channel	Genre
1	DD National HD	General Entertainment (Hindi)
2	DD News HD	News and Current Affairs (Hindi)
3	DD Sports HD	Sports
4	DD India HD	News and Current Affairs (English)

7. Accordingly, all cable operators are directed to carry the mandatory channels appropriately in respective genre on their cable TV network.

8. Any violation of section 8 of the Act shall invite such action as provided in therein and the Rules framed thereunder as well as the terms and conditions stipulated in the registration certificate, as the case may be.

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30/01/2025

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To,

All MSOs/ LCOs