

LCO Delhi Federation of (20.08.14) to PrakashJavadekar, Thanks for Extension & Review DAS Regulations, by Ramesh Zadoo

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To
Honorable I&B Minister

Sir,

First of all we would like to extend our sincere thanks for extending DAS (PH-III) deadline to December 2015 & PH-IV deadline to December 2016 however we are not the beneficiaries as DAS (PH- I & II) has already been implemented.The previous Govt. implemented DAS with out doing ground work has lot of flaws even some I & B official were favourable to MSO's & Broadcasters. In return these MSO's & Broadcasters sponsored world tour to these officials.The previous Govt .was very much eager to implement DAS without thinking of its repercussions, shortcoming & drawbacks.We apprised UPA govt but they never listened the plight of small LCO's. The present form of DAS Regulation was formed to benefit MSO's BROADCASTERS, DTH players neglecting (LCO's) the founders of this industry.Today the worst effected & most suffering stake holder is small LCO's.

These LCO's started cable tv business in 1990 without the support of govt.& built this industry.From 2003 onwards MSO's, broadcasters, DTH players are trying to be the only custodians of this industry. After 23 years these lacs of LCO's & there employees are going to be rendered jobless due to flaws in DAS Regulations.

Sir, it is suspected that the implementation of DAS in its present form was one of the biggest scams like (CWG Scam, COAL Scam & STB Scam) this country has witnessed.

1. We request Your good self to set up an enquiry commission to investigate why inferior STB's (China made) were imported.The rate of faulty STB's is10 % & MSO's are charging repair charges from Rs 150/ to Rs 300/- per stb.
2. Setup panel of stake holders to seriously review DAS Regulations so that it will be amended & implemented (PH-III & IV) in proper & transparent way.
3. MSO's & their distributors are harassing LCO's & engaged in arm twisting tactics by illegal & unfair practices.These MSO's have forced LCO's to sign DAS agreement with out giving time to go through the agreement & copy of agreement has never been handed over to LCO's. One major MSO who has captured 60% Delhi is the biggest culprit. This has added mental agony to LCO's which is a matter of grave concern.
4. Policy regarding Broadcasters who them selves are MSO, DTH Player need to be reviewed & their accounts should be audited by Govt. agencies as per the law of the land.

Our submission to your good self is to look into the above facts & take N/A so that LCO's & cable subscribers will not feel deprived. We have big hope from this Govt.

Regards

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