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**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND
BROADCASTING**

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 7th May, 2003.

S.O503(E).—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections (2) and (3) of section 4A of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 {7 of 1995} (hereinafter referred to as the “Act”), and in pursuance of the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting number S.O.39(E) dated 14th January, 2003, the Central Government hereby specifies the minimum number of free-to-air channels to be included in the package of channels forming the basic service tier as thirty, in the areas specified below, namely:-

1. Chennai Metropolitan area;
 2. Municipal Council of Greater Mumbai area;
 3. Kolkata Metropolitan area;
 4. National Capital Territory of Delhi.
2. The package of channels forming the basic service tier must include the compulsory transmission of three Doordarshan channels notified under Section 8 of the said Act and the genres of entertainment, news, sports, children’s programmes and music and must be in English, Hindi and the regional language, depending on the availability of such channels in the areas afore-mentioned.

3. Further, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (4) of Section 4A of the said Act, the Central Government, having been satisfied that it is necessary so to do, in public interest, hereby specifies the maximum amount which a cable operator in the afore-mentioned areas may demand from a subscriber for receiving the programmes transmitted in the basic service tier provided by such cable operator to be Rs.72/- (Rupees seventy-two) only. Free-to-air channels, over and above the basic service tier, would also be made available to the subscribers within the maximum amount mentioned above.

{Footnote:-The Notification S.O.39(E) dated the 14th January, 2003 was published in the Gazette of India (Extraordinary) dated 14th January, 2003 in Part II-Section 3-Sub-section (ii)}

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