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1.It may be recalled that policy guidelines for downlinking of television channels were issued on 11.11.2005. The downlinking guidelines provide that, "No cable operator or DTH service provider shall, after the expiry of 180 days from the date of this notification, carry or include in his cable/DTH network any television channel that has not been registered under these guidelines". Amendments to this effect in the Cable Television Network Rules 1994 and DTH guidelines are being notified separately. This notification will be issued on 11.5.2006.

**2.However, a cable operator may continue to carry or include in his cable service any Television broadcast or channel, which has made an application for registration to the Central Government on or before the date of commencement of the notification, for a period of six months from the date of such commencement or till such registration has been granted or refused, whichever is earlier. Further, in case of the channels uplinking from India, in accordance with permission for uplinking granted before 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2005, they shall be treated as "registered" television channels and they can be carried or included in the cable service.**

3. The details of the 173 television channels permitted to uplink from India prior to 2.12.2005 are being posted on Ministry's web-site [http:// mib.nic.in](http://mib.nic.in).

4. The details of television channels uplinking from outside India, whose applications have been received will also be placed on the web-site and up-dated from time to time.

5. The details of television channels uplinking from India after 2.12.2005 who have either been registered or whose application for registration has been received will also be posted on the web -site.

6. All Cable Operators/ Head End Operators/MSO's/DTH Operators are requested to refer to the Ministry's web-site for updated information.

7. This issues with the approval of the Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

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