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Subject: Providing last mile connectivity to Access service providers/Internet Service providers through the Infrastructure of Cable Network Operators- regarding.

Broadband services have emerged as basic infrastructure essential for improving the socioeconomic development, job creation, civic engagement, global competitiveness, and a better quality of life for people. Access to secure, reliable, and affordable high-speed broadband services is a clear and urgent priority for every Indian citizen. It has been the aim of the Government of India to connect the rural areas of the country with high-speed internet networks.

2. For proliferation of high-speed broadband across the rural areas will require fiberisation and densification of networks all over the country and the Cable TV industry, through Multi-System Operators (MSOs) and Local Cable Operators (LCOs), has tremendous reach, deep into urban and rural areas, for delivering affordable and fast broadband to a large segment of the population of very quickly.

3. Further, DoT vide Notification dated 25/10/2021 has amended the clause relating to AGR in its Unified License Agreement, which excludes revenue earned under the License / permission granted by MIB from computation of Adjusted Gross Revenue for the purpose of calculation of licensee fee levied by DoT on its ISP license. This is particularly beneficial for the MSOs who are holding the ISP license from DoT. MSOs may strive to also provide the Broadband Services to their subscribers.

4. Also, LCOs have been providing last mile connectivity services to the MSOs and IITS. Therefore, LCOs may also strive to provide last mile connectivity to the Access Service Providers/Internet Service Providers, through its cable infrastructure, for provisioning of broadband services in a fair, transparent and non-discriminatory manner and contribute in the development of the country.



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To
All MSOs/LCOs