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Sub:- Comments on Consultation paper on "Issues related to Community Radio Stations"

Resp. Sir,

Kindly refer to your office press release dated 21-05-2014 on the subject mentioned above vide which you have called for the written comments on the said consultation paper from all concerned stakeholders. HTA's point wise comments are as follows.

<u>Sl.no</u>	<u>Questions</u>	<u>Responses</u>
<u>Q 1.</u>	What should be the period of permission for CRS to be prescribed in the CRS Guidelines? Is the present 5 year period adequate?	<u>Yes</u>
<u>Q 2.</u>	What should be the period of extension on the expiry of the initial period of permission for CRS?	<u>Every year at a single window clearance system</u>
<u>Q 3.</u>	Should there be any additional terms and conditions of extension/renewal of the permission for CRS?	<u>No</u>
<u>Q 4.</u>	Should CRS permission holders be permitted to carry the news bulletins of All India Radio (AIR) in unaltered format and community based nonnews and current affairs programs for the categories permitted to FM radio stations?	<u>All India Radio (AIR) news and Local news bulletin should be permitted</u>

<p>Q 5.</p>	<p>In view of the availability of alternative revenue/ funding options, is there any reason to increase the duration of advertisement beyond the 5 minutes per hour limitation? If yes, please explain with full justification.</p>	<p><u>Sufficient may add just 2 minutes per hour for self CRS program promotion</u></p>
<p>Q 6.</p>	<p>Do you agree with the above proposal for utilisation of CRS during natural calamities/ emergency situations?</p>	<p><u>Agree</u></p>
<p>Q 7.</p>	<p>What, in your opinion, are the measures required to ensure a faster growth in the number and spread of CRS in rural India?</p>	<p><u>District Administration should have enough information and Government should have regular intraction with Active Social NGO about Community Radio stations and should have one window clearance.</u></p>
<p>Q 8.</p>	<p>Stakeholders may also provide their comments on any other issue relevant to the present consultation.</p>	<p><u>After successful Five years transmission power and height of the tower may be allowed to increase.</u></p> <p><u>The transmission power of Community Radio stations in remote, _____ indigenous areas may be increased to 100 watts and the height of the tower may be increased to 45 meters as these would help overcome geographical/terrain barriers in hilly regions.</u></p>

Yours sincerely
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