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ADVISORY

Whereas the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has already issued advisories to all TV channels on 27th November, 2008, 3rd December 2008 and 20th November 2009 in Public interest and in the interest of National Security not to focus on or report the location, strength, movement, strategy and other related operations being followed by the security forces engaging with the terrorists so as to avoid any adverse impact on rescue operations.

Whereas it has again come to the notice of this Ministry that some TV channels have covered live ongoing anti-terrorist operations on 20.03.2015.

Therefore, all TV channels are hereby advised in public interest, to safeguard innocent lives, to ensure that no operations-linked information reaches the terrorists and their handlers, and in the interest of national security, live coverage of counter-terrorism operation(s) by the security forces should not be telecast. The media coverage may be restricted to periodic briefing by an earmarked official till the operation concludes. Your attention is drawn to Clauses 5.9 and 8.1 of the Uplinking guidelines and Clauses 5.8 and 6.1 of the downlinking Guidelines as well as applicable provisions of the Cable TV Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and Rules thereunder in this regard.

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To:

All TV Channels.

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1. News Broadcasters Association.
2. Indian Broadcasting Foundation.