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**NEW DELHI- 110001**

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To

1. All Private Satellite TV Channels
2. All Private FM Radio Channels

A reference has been received in the Ministry from Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, Andaman & Nicobar Islands on the issue of coverage of Andaman & Nicobar Islands in all the weather forecasts and other similar generic topics by media houses (print & electronic).

2. Concerns have been raised that most media houses, both print and electronic, whilst extending a countrywide coverage to a generic topic, for example weather forecasts, altogether omit any reference to the A&N Islands.

3. Electronic Media has always played a key role in ensuring inclusiveness of all citizens as well as all areas of the country while sharing information and entertainment.

4. Accordingly, keeping in view these concerns and their significance, all private satellite TV/FM radio channels and their associations are requested to consider to include A&N Islands as well, in all their weather forecasts and other similar generic topics, where countywide coverage is being discussed.



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