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Subject: Remuneration of persons engaged in broadcasting sector - reg.

The pandemic of COVID-19 has led to financial downturn for a large number of sectors of the economy. The broadcasting industry has been equally affected. The Hon'ble Minister for Information and Broadcasting few weeks back had an occasion to discuss the problems of the broadcasting sector with the major stakeholders, and the Government is seized of their concerns. Bureau of Outreach and Communication (BOC) is working on a war footing for liquidating the pendency of advertisement bills of the media industry.

- 2. However, equally important is the livelihoods of the employees (and their families) who are working in this sector, including a large number of modestly paid TV artists engaged for production of various TV serials. While services of such persons were taken, some of them may not have received their remuneration. While appreciating concerns of the broadcasting sector, the imminent need to give remuneration to them cannot be lost sight of.
- 3. It is, therefore, urged that broadcasters and producers of TV serials may take a compassionate view and ensure that all payments due to such persons up to March, 2020 are cleared at the earliest. This will be of immense relief to them and their families.

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