R-11014/8/99-LR Government of India Ministry of Communications (WPC Wing)

Sanchar Bhavan, 20, Ashoka Road, New Delhi 110 001 Dated the 9th Aug, 1999

To

All Manufacturers/Dealers/Distributors of W/T Equipment.

Sub: Manufacturing and marketing of Wireless Telegraphy apparatus - reg

Sir,

I am directed to say that any wireless apparatus using radio frequency needs a licence for operation or possession under the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 and the Indian Wireless Telegraphy Act, 1933 respectively.

- 2. It may be pointed out that the operation or even possession of wireless apparatus without a valid licence is an offence under the provisions of the above said Acts and punishable with imprisonment and/or fine. The law also prohibits sale, hire or transfer of wireless apparatus in any manner to any person, who is not in possession of a valid licence issued in his name.
- 2.1 You are requested to bring the above provisions to the notice of the prospective buyers of wireless telegraphy equipment and ensure that they obtain a valid decision letter from this Ministry, prior to the supply of wireless telegraph equipment. In the event of detection of an un-authorised usage of wireless equipment, the Dealer who has supplied the equipment, shall also be held liable.
- 3. It has been brought to the notice of this Ministry that some of the firms engaged in the manufacture/sale of wireless apparatus are supplying wireless telegraph equipment to persons without a valid licence issued by this Ministry. They are requested to strictly follow the above and supply wireless telegraph equipment to persons after obtaining a copy of decision letter issued by this Ministry.
- 4. It may be noted that no wireless equipment has been exempted by this Ministry from the requirement of a licence and any operation of wireless telegraph equipment without this Ministry's licence is in contravention of the provisions of Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 and Indian Wireless Telegraphy Act, 1933 and the rules made there under.
- 5. Officers of WPC Wing will be carrying out inspection of stocks/registers etc., and you are requested to provide all assistance to carryout the inspection.

Yours faithfully,

(TK Varada Krishnan) Assistant Wireless Adviser

Copy to:

- 1. The Director (Wireless Monitoring), Monitoring Organisation, New Delhi
- 2. The Deputy Director, ISMES, Jalna
- 3. Engineers-in-Charge, NR/WR/ER/SR
- 4. Officers-in-Charge, International Monitoring Stations
- Engineers Inspection.