

**File No. P-24011(12)/7/2021-IPR-VII**  
**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Commerce & Industry**  
**Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade**  
**IPR – Copyright Section**

*Udyog Bhavan, New Delhi-110 011*

Dated the August 23, 2021

**NOTICE**

**Subject: Seeking comments on “Review of the Intellectual Property Rights Regime in India” by the Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committee (DRPSC).**

In reference to the above cited subject, your kind attention is drawn to the observations of the DRPSC under Para 14.8 (ii) (*copy enclosed*), wherein it has been recommended as follows:

*“Section 31D of the Act deals with statutory licensing for radio and television broadcasting of literary and musical works as well as sound recordings wherein the broadcasters pay royalties to the copyright owner at a rate fixed by the Copyright Board for broadcasting any content. It was informed that digitization and internet culture in India has led to increase in digital content service providers and Over The Top (OTT) video apps, internet music/ podcast apps, etc. in terms of revenue contribution from OTT, India would be the tenth-largest market globally with around 805 million internet subscribers by 2022. Hence, it was suggested that Section 31D should be amended to include OTT platforms, music apps, etc. as ‘internet or digital broadcasters’ under the benefit of statutory license along with traditional broadcasters. The Committee recommends the Department to amend Section 31D for incorporating ‘internet or digital broadcasters’ under statutory license in wake of the rise in digital or OTT platforms with manifold increase in music as well as movie apps and its significant contribution to economy. This would ensure a level playing field by making content accessible on similar terms to both traditional and internet broadcasters alike.”*

2. Regarding the same, concerned stakeholders are requested to provide their comments/ inputs/ suggestions, so as to enable this Department to take further necessary action in the matter. The same may be shared before 6<sup>rd</sup> September 2021 at [bikram.87@gov.in](mailto:bikram.87@gov.in) or [ipr7-dipp@gov.in](mailto:ipr7-dipp@gov.in)

  
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To,

Concerned Stakeholders (As per list attached)