

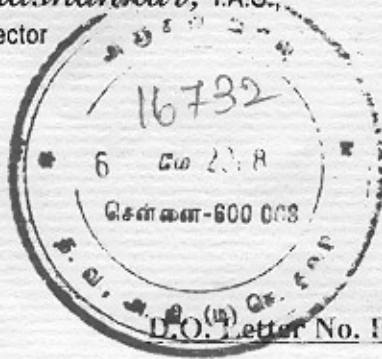
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D.O. Letter No. ELCOT/MD/1211/2008-09 Dated 02nd May 2008

Dear Thiru Jain,

Sub: Police action requested in cases of reports / complaints about alleged explosion of Free Colour Television supplied by the Government

I would like to bring to your kind attention to the recent events wherein the First Information Reports (FIR) had been booked with a content that the free Colour Televisions distributed by the Government had exploded and because of that death or damage to property had occurred. The first such case was reported in Vellavedu Village in Tiruvallur District on 22.03.2008, wherein a 11 year old girl had allegedly died because of the alleged explosion of Colour Television. The second one had been reported on 15.04.2008 at Thalakundah in The Nilgiris District. In both the events, no care has been taken by the local level Police officials to verify before filing the FIR. Technically speaking a Colour Television with CRT monitor cannot explode. Even if force is applied on the glass shell, it would only break and it would not explode and cause fire damage because the picture tube does not contain combustible material. ELCOT deploys picture tubes of Samtel and Videocon which are used in all Colour TVs produced in India. These picture tubes have no such "explosion" reports from rest of India, indicating a clear design by politically motivated elements in Tamil Nadu attempting to create fear in the minds of the Colour TV beneficiaries. In the Vellavedu event, an 11 year old girl had been charred to death. There was a kerosene container nearby the dead body. Three match sticks were also found near the dead body. I am enclosing herewith the photographs of the incident. Despite overwhelming evidences indicating the cause of death due to murder or suicide, the Police Officer had not cared to investigate that. But he had allowed the FIR be filed with a content that the death had occurred because of the "explosion" of the Colour Television. He had also not informed the DSP concerned. Neither the District Collector, Tiruvallur nor the DSP was aware of the incident till I spoke to them over phone on the next day evening. This is not proper. Because the Government attaches much importance and prestige to the Free Colour Television Scheme.

After the Vellavedu event, we organised a technical testing of the Government's Free Colour Television at IIT Campus and also SAMEER Campus. We injected 20,000 Volts of current into the RF input cable and found out that the TV withstood the entire hyper electricity load. The second test was conducted in SAMEER Labs wherein we injected 5,000 Volts current through the AC input socket. The maximum permissible voltage was only 290 Volts but we chose to inject upto 5,000 Volts. At 5,000 Volts, the system went blank and the fuse carrier broke but no explosion occurred. This is the technical situation. But in a routine manner, politically motivated false complaints had been allowed to be booked and no action is being taken by the local level Police Officials to verify and then corner the miscreants. It is extremely important that the Police officer should immediately visit the spot and arrest the miscreants. Usually, the miscreants pore kerosene or other explosive materials on the Television, burn it and then call the cable Television People to show as though the Television had exploded. A Colour Television is

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not an explosive device. The miscreants have to be booked under Defamation Act or Damage to Property Act. If a Police Officer promptly acts and books one such miscreant, the politically motivated TV Channels and others would not encourage such miscreant activities by publishing the event.

Hence, I request you to issue clear instructions to the Police Officials to immediately rush to the spot on hearing such "explosions", inspect the alleged explosion sites and take into custody the miscreants then and there under related provisions of the Act. On our part, we are taking efforts to file defamation cases against those who level allegation of alleged explosion of Government's Television.

I request your follow up action this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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