

NDTV NARROWS Q2 LOSS TO RS 63.5 CRORE

New Delhi Television Ltd (NDTV) reported a consolidated net loss of Rs 63.51 crore for the quarter ended September 30, 2026, narrowing from Rs 74.01 crore in the corresponding quarter last year, supported by growth in operating revenue.

Consolidated revenue from operations increased 5.9% year-on-year to Rs 129.47 crore, compared with Rs 122.27 crore a year earlier. Total income rose to Rs 134.34 crore from Rs 124.96 crore, while total expenses remained largely unchanged at Rs 198.50 crore.

The company's standalone net loss narrowed to Rs 59.03 crore from Rs 76.37 crore, while standalone revenue grew 22% to Rs 83.44 crore.

Separately, NDTV's board approved a fundraising plan of up to Rs 800 crore through the private placement of unsecured, non-convertible perpetual debentures in one or more tranches, subject to regulatory approvals.

The proposed issue comprises up to 80,000 debentures with a face value of Rs 1 lakh each. The instruments will have no fixed maturity date and will carry a cumulative coupon of 9% per annum, payable if declared by the board.

BROADCASTERS EYE RS 200 CRORE SAVINGS

India's television broadcasting industry could save an estimated Rs 200 crore by moving to a single high-definition (HD) master feed, eliminating the need for broadcasters to transmit separate HD and standard-definition (SD) signals.



Under the proposed arrangement, authorised distribution platform operators (DPOs) would generate SD signals at their headends from the HD feed. Broadcasters say the move would reduce satellite transmission costs, free up capacity and eliminate duplication in infrastructure and operating expenditure.

Currently, under the existing Uplinking and Downlinking Guidelines, broadcasters transmit the same programming separately in HD and SD formats, resulting in additional satellite bandwidth requirements.

MIB TARGETS $100 BILLION MEDIA SECTOR

The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MIB) sees its role as facilitating the growth of India's media and entertainment industry by removing policy bottlenecks, improving ease of doing business and supporting emerging business models, said Senthil Rajan, Joint Secretary, MIB.

Speaking at the CII Big Picture Summit 2026, Rajan said the government's approach was to act as



an enabler rather than an impediment to an industry largely driven by private enterprise.

He said achieving the sector's $100 billion growth ambition would require multiple policy interventions rather than a single solution.

TDSAT DIRECTS MSO TO PAY RS 47.4 LAKH IN DUES

The Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal (TDSAT) has directed multi-system operator (MSO) Multicity Digital Consortium Pvt Ltd to pay Rs 47.39 lakh in outstanding television channel subscription dues to Culver Max Entertainment Pvt Ltd, now Sony Pictures Networks India, along with simple interest at 9% per annum.



In its judgment, presided over by Justice Ram Krishna Gautam, the tribunal directed the MSO to deposit the amount within two months of the order. The petition was decreed with costs. The dispute arose from unpaid subscription charges under an agreement for the distribution of Sony television channels across Tamil Nadu and Karnataka.■