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To,

All Telecom Service Providers

**Subject: Mandatory use of Telecom Tower Standards issued by Telecommunications Engineering Centre.**

This has the reference of this office letter of even no. dated 11.12.2012 regarding mandatory use of Telecom Tower Standards i.e. Generic Requirements (GRs) issued by Telecom Engineering Centre (TEC) for all telecom towers erected/used by Telecom Service Providers (TSPs).

This has been further reviewed by the Government and the following decisions are hereby conveyed:

- 1) The guidelines dated 01.08.2013 for issue of clearance for mobile tower installation issued by Department of Telecommunications (DoT), which were issued at a later date adequately cover the structural safety aspect of telecom towers and obviates the requirement of insisting on mandatory use of tower specifications or GRs.
- 2) Accordingly it has been decided that instead of mandatory use of Telecom Tower Standards i.e. Generic Requirements (GRs) issued by TEC for all telecom towers erected/used by TSPs, it is left to the industry to follow TEC GRs as one of the options for design and deployment.
- 3) All TSPs should ensure that structural safety related provisions as stated in guidelines dated 01.08.2013 are adhered to.

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