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Ministry of Communications
Department of Telecommunications
(Access Services Cell)**

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To

The CMD, BSNL
BSNL Bhavan,
Janpath, New Delhi.

Subject: Guidelines for issuing mobile connections to Foreign nationals arriving in India on e-Visa.

This is in reference to proposal of Ministry of Tourism to present 'Welcome Kit' along with a SIM card to Foreign Nationals arriving in India on e-Visa at the immigration counter of the Airports. In this regard, it has been decided that BSNL may provide mobile connections to foreign nationals arriving on e-Visa at their own counter after the immigration counter at Airports. The following guidelines shall be followed by BSNL while issuing such mobile connections:

- (i) Pre-activated pre-paid SIM cards may be issued to foreign nationals holding e-Visa. Such prepaid SIM card shall have token amount.
- (ii) The validity of such SIM cards shall not exceed the validity of e-Visa as applicable.
- (iii) The requirement of filling up of physical CAF by foreign nationals and verification by PoS/BSNL employees of the same may be done away. However, BSNL shall maintain/preserve acknowledgment slip of issuing such SIM cards duly signed by the foreign national alongwith:

(a) copy of passport & e-Visa;

or alternatively

(b) Electronically link the acknowledgment slip/ mobile number/ barcode or QR code of SIM kit with the barcode/QR code of e-Visa of foreign national.

(iv) Such foreign nationals need not be tele-verified.

(v) BSNL may issue the SIM cards for any LSA without a local reference.

-s/d-

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1. The DDG (IT), Ministry of Tourism, Transport Bhawan, Parliament Street, New Delhi for kind information and with a request to co-ordinate with Ministry of Civil Aviation for rent free accommodation with electric supply at such airports.
2. Sr. DDG (TERM), DoT HQ for kind information and necessary action.
3. Director (IS-I), MHA for kind information please.
4. Director (IT) for uploading on DoT website under "Access Services-Subscriber Verification" head.

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