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**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Communications**  
**Department of Telecommunications**  
**Sanchar Bhawan, 20, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001.**  
**(Carrier Services Cell)**

**Dated: 28.11.2016.**

**To**

**All Infrastructure Provider Cat-I (IP-I) Service Providers**

**Subject: Clarification regarding scope of IP-I providers.**

With reference to DOT Letter No. 10-51/2008-CS-III dated 09.03.2009, the undersigned is directed to convey the following clarification regarding scope of IP-I Providers:-

*“The IP-I providers are not permitted to own and share active infrastructure. The IP-I provider can only install the active elements (limited to antenna, feeder cable, Node B, Radio Access Network (RAN) and transmission system only) on behalf of Telecom licensees i.e. these elements should be owned by the companies who have been issued license under section 4 of Telegraph Act, 1885.*

*Keeping in view, that some IP-I companies have invested into creation of active network infrastructure, which requires a license under Indian Telegraph Act, 1885, all IP-I providers are hereby provided an opportunity to take either a Unified License or a Virtual Network Operator(VNO) license of requisite authorization or a UL(VNO) Cat-B license for specific geographical area within six months of issue of this letter and move all such operations involving active network elements under the license. Alternatively, within a period of six months, the IP-I providers can transfer all such active network elements to a holder of valid license.”*

2. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

  
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Director (CS-III)

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