

**10-17/2016-AS-IV**  
**Department of Telecommunications**  
**Access Services-IV Division**

03 November, 2017

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Procedure for testing of Rollout obligation by the TERM Cells in case existing licensee has already fulfilled the required rollout obligation of earlier allocated spectrum and has acquired subsequent spectrum- regarding**

In suppression to procedure issued vide O.M. No 10-17/2016-AS-IV dated 29.09.2017, the following procedure are issued.

2. The procedure as detailed in para 3 shall be followed by the TERM Cells in cases where:

- (i) the existing licensee has already fulfilled the required rollout obligation of earlier allocated spectrum in a band (spectrum acquired either through auction or administratively allocated) and has acquired additional spectrum in the same band through auction; and/ or
- (ii) the existing licensee has already fulfilled the required rollout obligation of earlier allocated spectrum acquired through auction in 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 by use of any technology in any band and has acquired additional spectrum through auction in 2016.

3. The procedure as detailed below shall be followed:

- (i) The licensee shall approach the respective TERM Cell with the copies of existing service test certificates or registration certificates (in case service test certificates are not issued) with an undertaking stating that the services for which such certificates had been issued for coverage testing, are continued to be provided by TSP in respective DHQ/ town/ BHQ/ rural SDCA.
- (ii) The TERM cell shall verify such certificates and issue a letter indicating updated status of compliance of rollout obligation as per the certificates provided by licensee. In case of registration certificates, the compliance of rollout obligation will be provisional subject to the result of rollout obligation testing.
- (iii) No fees may be charged for this.
- (iv) A time period of two months from date of issue of this procedure or upto due date of completion of respective phases of rollout obligation, whichever is later, may be given to licensee for compliance of this procedure.

4. In case, the number of DHQs/ towns/ BHQs/ rural SDCAs have increased in the LSA and/ or the status of DHQs/ towns/ BHQs/ rural SDCAs has changed as per latest census, then licensee will have to register with the TERM Cell for the additional DHQs/ towns/

BHQs/ rural SDCAs along with requisite fees and TERM cell will carry out the testing and then issue the certificate on successful testing.

5. In case the spectrum has not been allocated in the complete LSA, then the rollout obligations will be applicable as per the allocated spectrum and TERM Cell will issue letter indicating the updated status of compliance of rollout obligation in reference to only those DHQs/ towns/ BHQs/ rural SDCAs where spectrum has been allocated.

6. The essence of stipulated rollout obligations in respective NIA(s) should be strictly complied with in all respects and it should not get diluted due to the fulfilment of rollout obligations using any earlier allocated spectrum.

This is issued with the approval of Member(T).

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