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(Satellite Division)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Assignment of Satellite related work to the newly created Satellite Division

In an endeavor to streamline the Satellite Communication (SATCOM) related activities, a new DDG (Satellite) DoT HQ has been posted vide DoT order No. 12-3/2019-STG (Part-II) dated 25th September 2019. Accordingly, the subjects pertaining to Satellite Communication are assigned to DDG (Satellite) as stated below:

A. SATCOM network permissions and coordination with DoS on satellite policy related issues

- i. Granting in-principle approval of all satellite related networks involving new technology/ augmentation in existing networks by Apex Committee. The committee examines the proposals for technical feasibility & compliance to TEC/ITU specifications. Apex Committee examines and clears proposals for new satellite network / type of satellite services including for VSAT, IFMC, UASL and NLD licenses.

This committee has members from DoS, MoI&B, WPC & NOCC. Satellite Division of DoT convenes the meetings. DDG (Satellite) shall chair the committee in place of DDG (DS).

- ii. Handling satellite related subjects requiring specific knowledge & expertise; Representing DoT in SATCOM related committees in which DoS is the convener:
 - a. DDG (Satellite) shall be a member [in place of DDG (DS)] of the inter-ministerial Technical Advisory Group (TAG) which handles policy related issues pertaining to satellite communications.
 - b. Handling matters related to Secretary level SCC (Satellite Co-ordination Committee). This was earlier called INSAT Co-ordination Committee, which is responsible for overall planning and execution of Satellite Projects in India. SCC is the highest level committee regarding Satellite Services' Policy in India.

- c. Handling matters pertaining to CAISS, the Committee for Authorizing the Establishment and Operation of Indian Satellite System. CAISS considers the proposals of new satellite systems who want to launch the satellite(s) under "Indian Satellite System" within the guidelines of DoS.
- d. Participating in CAISS Support Group (CSG). Apart from DOS, it has members from WPC, TEC, MoI&B, security agencies etc. DDG (Satellite) shall be a member of this committee in place of DDG (DS).

B. Grant of satellite related licenses/ permissions

Processing of application, signing of License Agreement, Monitoring of VSAT services for their customer base, compliance to licensing conditions and technical requirements of TEC/ITU, issue of amendments, clarifications, merger & amalgamation cases, terms & conditions' violations cases and handling other related matters in respect of the following licenses:

- i. Commercial CUG VSAT service license
- ii. Captive CUG VSAT license
- iii. Mobile Satellite Services- Reporting (MSS-R) license
- iv. GMPCS license & Sui-Generis category license for provision & operation of satellite based services [erstwhile assigned to DDG(CS) which is now assigned to DDG (Satellite)]
- v. Satellite handset related matters

- C. Handling policy matters in DoT pertaining to SATCOM planning, operations & monitoring.
- D. Coordinating for introduction of new Satellite Technologies & Systems.
- E. Coordination pertaining to spectrum allocation, spectrum pricing & spectrum charging in respect of satellite services.
- F. Assessing the satellite bandwidth demand for Satellite Communications.
- G. Coordinating SATCOM bandwidth demand from 'Bharatnet', BSNL & other entities including USOF projects.
- H. Participating in ITU in SATCOM related activities, relevant study group etc.
- I. Handling subject matter(s) related to International Telecommunications Satellite Organization (ITSO) & International Mobile Satellite Organization (IMSO)

- J. Remote area connectivity through SATCOM e.g. for A&N islands, Lakshadweep, NE, DSPTs etc.
- K. Coordination in DoT regarding NavIC – Navigation with Indian Constellation through Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS)
- L. Coordinating with TEC on Interface Requirements for Satellite Systems and other SATCOM related matters.
- M. DDG (Satellite) shall also handle all related matters like court-cases, PQs, coordination with other departments / organizations pertaining to the subjects mentioned above in paragraphs from A to L.

This is issued with the approval of competent authority.

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