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Department of Telecommunications
(Estates Section)

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Office Memorandum

Subject: Guidelines for retention of BSNL/MTNL Staff Quarters to DoT employees posted in DoT HQ/TEC/ Delhi LSA.

Some DoT officers have raised their concern that existing retention guidelines of staff quarters, issued vide O.M. of even no. dated 17.01.2017, are typically harsh to officers who have recently repatriated / joined other departments on deputation or joined DoT HQ and/ or proceeded on long term training/ study leave. It is learnt that BSNL/MTNL is issuing eviction notices as well as notices for penal/market rent etc. citing aforesaid guidelines. In addition, they are under tremendous pressure for vacating the premises because of coercive measures like imposition of hefty penalty and serving of eviction notices to vacate the premises in the prescribed time limit. Therefore, a need was felt to redress their grievances after taking holistic view on all the relevant factors.

In this regard contents of O.M. of even no. dated 17.01.2017 have been reviewed. Thus, new guidelines have taken shape in supersession to earlier guidelines regarding subject cited above, which are as follows:

- a. Officers, who want to retain BSNL/MTNL staff quarters beyond six-month period with standard licence fee, will have an option to retain the same on payment of double the standard licence fee for next twelve months and four times of standard licence fee for further twelve-month period. Officers wanting to avoid enhanced licence fee, may apply for GPRA accommodation immediately after joining DoT.
- b. DoT officers posted in Delhi LSA and officers on deputation to other organizations not able to apply for GPRA accommodations may retain BSNL/MTNL staff quarters on payment of Standard Licence Fee so long as they remain in the strength of such organization. The moment officer is able to apply for GPRA accommodation, para (a) above shall be applicable.
- c. The officer who proceeds on long term training/study leave immediately after joining the DoT HQ may retain the staff quarter of BSNL/MTNL till the completion of training/study leave on normal licence fees. Such officer shall

apply for GPRA immediately after joining the DoT HQ on completion of training/leave. These officers will also have an option to retain BSNL/MTNL quarters as stated at Para (a) above.

- d. During the retention of BSNL/MTNL staff quarters by DoT officers, Standard or Special Licence Fee shall be deducted in accordance with this order, which shall be equal to/ twice or four times, the Standard Licence Fee as prescribed by the Directorate of Estates, Government of India from time to time. The licence fee, thus deducted from the officer concerned shall be passed on to BSNL/MTNL accordingly.
- e. In view of above, any eviction notices/notices for penal rent/ damages /market rent etc. issued by BSNL/MTNL to DoT officers for vacation of staff quarters should be treated as withdrawn with immediate effect. As such any recovery already made on these accounts shall be refunded accordingly. Henceforth, these officers shall be governed as per para (a) above.
- f. These guidelines shall be applicable for Delhi only and shall come into effect immediately. This is issued with the approval of Secretary (T).


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