

No. DDG(SP)/USOF/HRA/MTNL/2022

Government of India
Ministry of Communications
Department of Telecommunications
(Estates Section)

20, Ashoka Road, Sanchar Bhawan
New Delhi, dated the 10th March, 2023.

Office Memorandum

Subject: Guidelines for retention of BSNL/MTNL Quarters to all DoT employees viz. CCA/LSA/WMO.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the guidelines issued by this Department's O.M. No. 11-03/2014-Estates (Pt.-II) dated 26.10.2018 (copy enclosed) for retention of BSNL/MTNL Quarters to DoT employees posted in DoT HQ/TEC/Delhi LSA and to say that it has been decided to review the matter after taking holistic view of all the relevant factors to issue following guidelines:

- i. The guidelines issued by this office vide O.M. No. 11-03/2014-Estates (Pt.II) dated 26.10.2018 shall remain valid and BSNL/MTNL quarters being government accommodation, hence no HRA can be claimed either by the officer or BSNL/MTNL;
 - ii. All the officers/officials entitled for General Pool residential accommodation shall, if they so desire, apply for GPRA quarters so that they vacate the quarter at most within 30 months as per the guidelines of 26.10.2018 from the date of transfer from BSNL/MTNL.
 - iii. That as a onetime measure, for quarters located in Delhi, the stay beyond the period of 30 months be regularized by payment of four times of licence fee by the allottee to BSNL/MTNL. This is the maximum permissible licence fee as per the guidelines of 26.10.2018. This arrangement shall continue till 31.07.2023 only.
 - iv. Henceforth, Department of Telecommunications shall have no liability to recover penal rent/ penalty/eviction etc. from the officer for the demands raised by BSNL/MTNL. Further, BSNL/MTNL shall be at liberty to act as per their policy.
 - v. Any demand notice, penal rent, damages or market rent etc. issued till date by BSNL/MTNL to DoT officers/officials should be treated as withdrawn subject to payment of enhanced licence fee, as stipulated in guidelines of 26.10.2018, by the concerned officer.
2. These guidelines are issued with the approval of Secretary (T) and shall come into effect immediately.



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CMDs of BSNL/MTNL.

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No. 11-03/2014-Estates(Pt.-II)
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Sanchar Bhawan, New Delhi,
Dated the 26th October, 2018

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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