

**Government of India
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Department of Telecommunications
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To,

All Pr.CsCA/CsCA

Subject: Clarification regarding two licenses held by the licensee companies simultaneously i.e. UL-ISP 'A' category license and old ISP-B category license- Case of M/s Meghbela Cable and Broadband Services Pvt. Ltd.

A reference has been received from CCA, Kolkata vide which it has been stated that one operator is operating business for Kolkata service area since December, 2007 and for West Bengal Service area since December, 2009 under ISP 'B' category license. Now, the operator has obtained an UL-ISP 'A' category license to operate service on all India basis.

2. In this respect, the clause 1.3(ii) of General Conditions of Unified License Agreement stipulates as under:

"The licensee company shall not hold any other license for the services covered under the scope of Unified License. In case the Licensee obtains any other License by way of acquisition or merger, the License so obtained shall have to be migrated and merged to the aforesaid Unified License as per prescribed procedure."

3. In this regard, due to overlapping of service area coverage under existing ISP category 'B' license and applied UL-ISP category 'A' authorization, it has been decided to cancel the ISP category 'B' license of the company w.e.f. signing of new UL-ISP category 'A' license. Further, it has also been decided that the all liabilities including License Fee and Spectrum Usage Charges dues, treatment of violations and imposition of penalty thereof, if any, associated with the old category 'B' ISP license shall remain applicable and payable even after signing of the UL-ISP 'A' license.

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4. In view of the above, it is clarified that the licensees cannot hold the ISP 'B' category license along with UL-ISP 'A' category license simultaneously. The old license will be terminated automatically along with the date of signing of Unified License. All the Pr.CsCA/CsCA offices may take necessary action accordingly.

This issues with the approval of competent authority.

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