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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

1. Captive Non-Public Network can play a key role in developing industries by providing secure, ultra-reliable, low latency and high throughput communication using advanced technologies. Government had issued the 'Guidelines for Captive Non-Public Network (CNPN) license' on 27th June 2022, aimed at establishing the legal framework for CNPNs.

2. The guidelines provide that the enterprises seeking to establish CNPN may obtain spectrum on lease from Telecom Service Providers or directly from DoT. These guidelines also provide that Department of Telecommunications (DoT) will undertake demand studies for direct assignments of spectrum to Enterprises setting up CNPNs.

3. Online portal for demand studies:

a) DoT has now launched a module on Saral Sanchar portal for carrying out the demand studies. The portal may be accessed at: <u>https://saralsanchar.gov.in</u>

b) The eligibility criteria for direct assignment of spectrum shall be governed by the CNPN guidelines dated 27th June 2022.

c) Enterprises willing to set up CNPNs and obtain spectrum directly from DoT are invited to participate in this exercise.

d) Eligible and willing enterprises are required to submit the details such as ownership, net worth, proposed locations, requirement of spectrum in various bands etc.

e) To verify the credentials of enterprises, this portal is linked with MCA-21 portal of Ministry of Corporate Affairs.

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f) The details can be submitted on the portal from 10.08.2022 to 09.09.2022.

g) It is clarified that the demand study is being conducted to assess the demand for direct assignment of spectrum to CNPNs. Participation in this exercise shall not entitle the enterprises any claim for any spectrum assignment.

h) In case any discrepancy is observed in the information submitted by an enterprise, the submission shall not be considered in the demand study.

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