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Guidelines for allotment of partially administratively allotted frequency spots in 1800 MHz band in balance areas of the service area at market determined price

The frequency spots in 1800 MHz band was administratively allotted to Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) prior to 31.3.2009. In some of the cases, frequency spots were not allotted in the entire Licensed Service Area (LSA). Such frequency spots are termed as partial spectrum allocation. Consequent upon harmonisation of 1800 MHz band, it is now available in the balance areas of the respective LSA.

- 2. The Government has decided to allocate the spectrum in 1800 MHz band in balance areas of such LSAs on the following terms and conditions:
 - (a) The already allotted frequency spot will be extended to the remaining part of LSA, where it was not administratively allotted earlier, for balance validity period of service license (CMTS/UASL) as per market determined price on pro-rata basis.
 - (b) The market price shall be the price to be discovered in the latest auction (starting from 1.10.2016).
 - (c) In case more than one set of auction determined prices are available, the latest auction determined price would be applied.
 - (d) If the auction determined price is more than one year old then the prevailing market rate would be determined by indexing the last auction price at the rate of SBI PLR.
 - (e) The date of calculation of the total amount due will be the fifteenth day from the date of issue of Demand Note and the same will be taken as the Effective Date of extension of frequency spot.
 - (f) Payment will be required to be made within fifteen (15) days from the date of issue of demand note, failing which the demand note will be deemed to have expired and the TSP will have to make a fresh request for assignment of partial spectrum.

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- (g) The extension of already administratively allotted spectrum in entire service area at latest market determined price will be governed by conditions laid down in the CMTS/UAS licences.
- (h) Such extension of administratively assigned spectrum at market determined price does not confer the right to use of access technology other than GSM unless entire administratively allotted spectrum is got liberalised.
- 3. TSPs, who were allotted administratively partial spectrum in a service area in 1800 MHz band, may apply for extension of frequency spots in the remaining part of the service area with complete details to WPC Wing.

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