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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Procedure for testing of Roll-out Obligations by the LSA units of DoT in case existing licensee has already fulfilled the required Roll-out Obligations of earlier allocated spectrum and has acquired subsequent spectrum through NIA 2022- regarding.

The procedure to be followed by the LSA units in cases where the existing licensee has already fulfilled Roll-out Obligations in respect of spectrum acquired in a previous auction by use of any technology in any band and has acquired additional spectrum in the same or any other band in 600 MHz to 2500 MHz range through auction as per NIA 2022 is as follows:

i.   The licensee shall approach the respective LSA units with an undertaking stating that the requisite coverage criteria of Roll-out Obligations of NIA 2022 have been complied by licensee. No fees may be charged for it.

ii.   There is no need to perform any re-validation activity of earlier issued STRCs by LSA units.

iii. However, in case of any shortfall in number of DHQs/ BHQs/ Rural SDCAs due to increase in number or change in the status of DHQs/ BHQs/ Rural SDCAs in the LSA, licensee will have to register with the LSA units for the additional DHQs/ BHQs/ rural SDCAs as per prevailing norms & guidelines of Roll-out Obligations. The number of DHQs/BHQs/Rural-SDCAs are to be taken as per NIA 2022.

2.   The essence of stipulated Roll-out Obligations of NIA 2022 should be strictly complied with in all respects and it should not get diluted due to the fulfilment of Roll-out Obligations using any earlier allocated spectrum.

3.   This is issued with the approval of Member (T).

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