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Telecom Enforcement, Resource
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## Public Notice (Regarding Forgery in mobile tower installation)

It has been brought to the notice of Department of Telecommunications(DoT) that some companies/ agencies/ individuals are cheating the General public by convincing them that they will get hefty monthly payments as rent and asking people to deposit amounts of money in their personal/ companies account as Security deposits/Application fees/Registration fees/Stamp duty/government tax under telecom Act or for clearing of the advance payment etc. in lieu of leasing the premises of individuals for installation of mobile tower. After collecting the money these companies/ agencies become unreachable. These companies are issuing fake 'No objection certification' permission for the installation of tower issued by Department of Telecommunications /Different Govt. Organization/Departments.

## The public at large is here by informed that:

- 1. Department of Telecommunication, (DoT) Ministry of communications is not directly or indirectly involved in levying any tax/ fees on leasing the premises for installation of a mobile tower or for issuing any No Objection certification for the purpose.
- **2.** A mobile tower may be installed by either Telecom service provider (TSP) or Infrastructure service provider (IP-I) as per their licensing/ registration conditions. List of the Telecom service providers and IP-1 service providers is available on DoT website i.e. <a href="www.dot.gov.in">www.dot.gov.in</a>. Public is cautioned that before considering the offer for tower installation verify the authenticity of TSP/IP-I from website of DoT.
- 3. If any Company/Agencies/individuals asking for advance or registration fees or any kind of payment before actual installation of mobile Tower then public is hereby advised to be more cautious and verify the credentials of the Company.
- 4. Any person or entity found fraudulently involved in such activity like (i) receiving advance money in the name of mobile tower installation (ii) using Department of Telecommunication (DoT) name/ logo/ recommendation or national emblem is liable to be prosecuted under applicable law. If any person comes to know such fraudulent activities then he should inform local police Authority regarding such incidents. Additionally or as an alternative local Telecom Enforcement, Resource and Monitoring (TERM) Cell, a field units of DoT may be contacted whose contact details are available in DoT Website i.e. www.dot.gov.in.

Anyone dealing with such companies/ agencies/ individuals will be doing so at his/ her own risk and Department of Telecommunications can't be held responsible for any loss or damages suffered directly or indirectly.