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Office Memorandum

Subject: Simplification of SACFA siting clearance guidelines- procedure for clearance of Low Power BTS/ small cells i.e Micro, Pico and Femto cells on existing street furniture/infrastructure and the cases of additional antenna.

Union Cabinet in its meeting held on 15 September, 2021 on "Reforms and support package for Telecom Sector" took a slew of measures for the growth of Telecom sector in the country. It also took a view on simplifying the SACFA Clearance process for installing towers.

2. In pursuance of Cabinet decision and to further improve the ease of doing business, guidelines with a view to simplify SACFA siting clearance procedures were issued vide OM dated 06.10.2021 and 12.01.2022.

In continuation of the same, it has been further decided that the following guidelines shall be applicable for the SACFA siting clearance for Low Power BTSs (EIRP \leq 100W) including Microcells, Picocells, Femtocells -on existing street furniture/below the height of existing structure/ window-sills of a building etc. and for all kind of additional antenna cases :

2.1. The requirement for a formal application for SACFA processing is done away with for such Low Power BTSs; however, the TSPs rolling out the same on the structures mentioned in Para 2 above, shall register the details such as Geo-coordinates and technical parameters of such sites in the Saral Sanchar Portal, including an undertaking-inbuilt in the portal itself- to the effect that top height of the mast/antenna of such small cell shall be below the height of the existing street furniture/ building/structure.

2.2 A SACFA registrations fee for such cases shall be charged @Rs. 100/- per small cell. For "additional antenna" category of SACFA siting clearance cases also, the fee shall be charged at the same rate i.e. Rs 100/- additional antenna.



2.3 Acknowledgement of such registration can be downloaded by TSPs instantly.

3. This Memorandum comes into force with immediate effect.



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