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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Revision in Rollout obligation test fee for DHQs/ BHQs/ Rural SDCAs-reg.

This is in reference to the existing rollout obligation testing procedure, whereby licensee submits self-certificate towards coverage along with the prescribed test fee. Licensed Service Area (LSA) office, then, carries out coverage testing in the offered District Head Quarters (DHQ)/ Block Head Quarters (BHQ)/ Rural Short Distance Charging Area (SDCA) on sample basis.

2. Now, it has been decided that the test fee submitted by the licensees, towards rollout coverage testing by the LSAs, shall be charged only for the DHQ/ BHQ/ Rural SDCA which are sampled for testing by the LSA office. For the purpose of uniform interpretation & implementation of the revised test fee calculation, an illustration is attached.
3. The above revised norms shall be applicable for registrations made after the issuance of this OM.
4. This is issued with approval of the competent authority.


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To,

1. Secretary, TRAI
2. DG(T), DoT
3. CGCA, DoT
4. All TSPs

ILLUSTRATION

For an LSA with number of DHQs= 33, number of BHQs= 250, and number of Rural SDCAs= 164 as on the date of issue of the Notice Inviting Applications (NIA) for auction of spectrum. Considering 14 BTSs per DHQ and 4 BTSs per BHQ/Rural SDCA.

For phase 2 rollout in 1800 MHz

1. No of DHQs offered = 17
2. No of DHQs sampled for testing by the LSA office = 2
3. No of DHQs for which prescribed testing fee to be charged = 2

Fee taken per DHQ sampled for testing

1. Service testing @ ₹1,05,000/- for each DHQ = ₹1,05,000/-
2. Coverage Test for network @ ₹35,000/- for upto 4 BTS/ NodeB/ eNodeB = ₹35,000/-
3. Coverage Test @ Rs. 17,500/- for each additional 2 BTS/ NodeB/ eNodeB, or part thereof = $5 \times ₹17,500/- = ₹87,500/-$
4. test fee per DHQ = ₹2,27,500/-

total test fee = $2 \times ₹2,27,500/- = ₹4,55,000/-$

For rollout in 2300 MHz

1. No of rural SDCAs offered = 82
2. No of rural SDCAs sampled for testing = 9
3. No of rural SDCAs for which prescribed testing fee to be charged = 9

Fee taken per rural SDCA sampled for testing

1. Service testing @ 20% of ₹1,05,000/- for each rural SDCA = ₹21,000/-
2. Coverage Test for network @ 20% of ₹35,000/- for upto 4 BTS/ NodeB/ eNodeB = ₹7,000/-
3. test fee per rural SDCA = ₹28,000/-

total test fee = $9 \times ₹28,000/- = ₹2,52,000/-$