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To

All Access Service Providers.

Subject: Requisition for SP Codes from access service providers-regarding

Requests for allocation of SP codes are received in DoT. While processing the requests, following have been observed:

- (i) Access service providers are using different terms for network elements e.g. MSS, GCS, MSC(GMSC), MGW, MGC etc.
 - (ii) Only some access service providers are furnishing the database for earlier allocated SP codes along with the application.
 - (iii) From the requests received it is not evident whether the earlier allocated SP codes have been exhausted or not.
2. Due to the above, repeated clarifications are required from access service providers and it takes lot of time in processing the requisitions.
 3. Hence the following has been decided:
 - (i) Hence forth in the requisitions for SP codes, the term 'MSC' will be used for basically the older version of switching system where both user part and the control part exist on single node. For newer version where MSC is split into MSC Server and MGW, the SP code will be allocated for signaling controller, which is part of MSC Server. A common term Media-Gateway Controller (MGC) should be used for this purpose. SP codes will not be allocated for MGW.
 - (ii) The requisition for a fresh SP code should be submitted along with the following information:
 - (a) Name of LSA
 - (b) Name of network element for which the SP code is required
 - (c) Address where the said network element is installed/proposed to be installed.

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(iii) In case of requisition for change of address of previously allocated SP code, the DoT letter vide which the code was allocated should also be attached.

(iv) The requisition for (a) fresh SP code and (b) for change in location of SP code should have the **database for already allocated SP codes** for that LSA in a excel sheet in the following format as an enclosure:

Name of Service provider	Name of LSA	SP Code	Name of network element (NE) to which the code was allocated	The address for which the said SP code was allocated	DoT Letter No. and date	Is the said network element still working and at the same address	Final status, In use = 1, Other = 0
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A soft copy of the database may also be provided for record

(v) An undertaking should be given in the requisition that all the previously allocated SP codes are in use i.e. have been assigned to network elements which are presently in operation (i.e. are live).

(vi) An allocated SP codes should be utilized within a period of 6-months from the date of allocation. If the allocated SP codes are not utilized within this period, then the same should be reported to DoT and surrendered.

Similarly, if a network element to which SP code was allocated has been de-commissioned and its use is not planned within a period of next 6-months, the allocated SP code should be surrendered.

(vii) An annual return on utilization of SP codes in the format given in para (iv) above should be submitted (soft and hard copy both) by each TSP, in the month of April for the previous financial year.

4. All access service providers are therefore requested to follow the procedure and instructions outlined herein above.

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