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Government of India  
Ministry of Defence

Sena Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated the 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2023

To

1. The Chief of Army Staff, New Delhi
2. The Chief of Air Staff, New Delhi
3. The Chief of Naval Staff, New Delhi
- ✓4. The Director General of Defence Estates, New Delhi

**Subject:** Policy on Shared Communication Tower and Other Telecom Infrastructure to Extend Communication Network in Military Station / Cantonments - reg

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In supersession of the existing policy on "shared communication tower and other telecom infrastructure to extend communication network in Military stations / Cantonments" issued vide MoD letter No. F.11026/1/2005/D(Lands) dated 26.02.2018, it is informed that any application received for installation of under/ overground telecom infrastructure on defence land shall henceforth be processed in accordance with the Indian Telegraph Right of Way Rules (RoW Rules) 2016 (as amended from time to time) formulated by the Department of Telecommunications, subject to the following:-

- a) The "appropriate authority" for according approval for installation of such telecom infrastructure on defence land, within the meaning of Rule 2(b) of the RoW Rules is defined as under:-
  - (i) Cantonment Board, for land inside Cantonment areas
  - (ii) Station Headquarters, outside Cantonments i.e inside Military stations.

Provided that for areas inside Cantonments, the Cantonment Board shall seek prior NoC from the agency / organization under whose management the defence land is placed;

Further provided that for all locations outside civil area, Cantonment Boards shall seek NoC from Station HQ from Security point of view; and

The said agency / organization shall convey NoC or otherwise (alongwith reasons thereof) within a period of 30 days failing which Cantonment Board shall process the application as per rules.

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b) The fee / compensation / restoration charges shall be deposited in Consolidated Fund of India, unless the defence land is placed under management of Cantonment Board in which case the funds shall be credited to the Cantonment Fund.

c) Application received through the portal will be considered as deemed sanction on lapse of 60 days subject to following condition:-

i. The application of TSP is received on the online portal (GatiShakti Sanchar Portal).

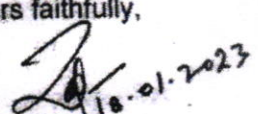
ii. After 45 days of no response on the application by the competent authority (Cantt Board/ Strn HQ), the Army HQ / DGDE will be alerted through a notification on the online portal.

d) DGDE shall develop and maintain an online portal for electronic application process as per rule 4(2) of RoW Rules, 2016 and integrate the same with the Sanchar Portal of DoT.

e) The approval granted for installation of such telecom infrastructure would be subject to security conditions as stipulated in Annexure A to this letter.

2. This issues with the concurrence of Defence (Finance) vide ID no 2/ Fin/ W-I/ 23 dated 18.01.2023.

Yours faithfully,

  
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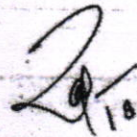
Security conditions

- a. Use of defence land /buildings by the Service Provider will not, in any manner, impinge upon the security of the Defence Area.
- b. At any stage, if the operational situation so demands, services provided by these operators may be blocked in an emergency on instructions from respective Command Headquarters. No compensation shall be payable to the operator if such blocking or suspension of services is for equal to or less than 15 days. However, if the services are blocked or suspended for more than 15 days then pro-rata license fee for the blocked/suspended period shall be payable to the service provider.
- c. Adequate measures will be adopted to ensure security of vital installations in Defence Area, by monitoring activities of such Access Service Licensees and IP-1 Companies/communication Network Operator's personnel from time to time.
- d. Service Providers will make available the particulars of persons employed by them to the Local Defence Authorities. Antecedents of all such persons will be verified and if found acceptable, they will be issued with security passes to allow them to enter the Defence Area.
- e. The Local Defence Authorities will reserve the right to deny the access to any of the Service Provider's employees whose activities are detrimental to the security of the Defence installation.
- f. The Service Provider will at all times, provide access to the Local Defence Authority or his authorized representatives, to the Communication Towers to ensure that no illegal or undesirable activities are being carried out by the Service provider or his representative.
- g. The Service Provider will not use the tower and / or its equipment for any objectionable purpose. If found, the Local Defence Authority will have the authority to order temporary closure of the services of that Service Provider pending final decision by the Competent Appropriate Authority. No compensation will be payable for such closures. The other Service Providers would continue to provide services.
- h. Entry of foreign nationals to installation site of towers will be permitted only after due security clearances by Local Military Authority.
- i. Photography of Vulnerable Areas and Vulnerable points and Defence Establishments in the Cantonment area / Military Station, by the employees of the Service Providers will not be permitted.
- j. Service Providers and the employees of these service providers will abide by all security instructions of the Military Stations / Cantonments.
- k. The Service Provider will be solely responsible to ensure the security of the Communication Towers and its supporting systems and accessories.

  
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- l. Sketch/Map of the towers indicating locations should be provided to local defence authority for routine security checks. In cases, where communication towers of the service providers are situated outside Cantonments/Military Stations and they would only like to lay cables, to provide services, in the Cantonments/Military Stations, the Access Service Licensees / IP-1 will also furnish the network details from where the Optical Fibre Cables (OFC) are being brought into Cantonment/Military Stations and taken out to feed into the network ahead to the local Military Authority.
- m. Obtaining frequency clearance from Standing Advisory Committee for Frequency Allocation (SACFA) and coordinate frequency in use with local Signal Authority.
- n. In case the communication tower / facilities so installed by the Service Provider causes any interference/ obstruction to the Army / Air Force / Navy / Coast Guard Communications, the Service Provider may be asked to discontinue its services, for which no compensation other than the balance of advance rent paid by him will be payable to the Service Provider.
- o. Obtaining " No Objection Certificate" from Civil Aviation, Army Aviation Authority, Air Force Authority and Naval Authority (in case of Naval Airfields) regarding the installation of the Cellular Towers in their vicinity and abide by all their stipulations as necessary.
- p. Proper earthing of the installation will be ensured by the Service Provider.
- q. Proper lighting protection and firefighting devices will be installed by the Service Provider.
- r. Prepaid smart meters shall be installed at own cost wherever power supply is required to be sourced from MES.

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