



## PUBLIC NOTICE

### ( In respect of frauds related to installation of Mobile Tower )

It has come to the notice of BSNL that some companies/agencies/individuals cheat general public by promising them hefty monthly rental payment and ask them to deposit money in their personal/company account as security deposit/application fee/registration charges/stamp duty/government tax under Telecom Act/clearing of the advanced payment etc. In lieu of leasing/renting the premises of individuals for installation of Mobile Tower or for any other purpose. After collecting the money these companies/individuals/agencies become unreachable. These companies at times issue fake "No objection Certificate" for installation of tower in the name of fictitious companies or in the name of different government organizations/departments.

#### **The public at large is hereby informed that:-**

1. BSNL is not directly or indirectly involved in leasing/renting the premises for installation of mobile tower or for issuing any "No Objection Certificate" for the purpose.
2. A mobile tower may be installed by either Telecom Service Provider or Infrastructure Provider as per their licensing /registration conditions. The updated list of TSPs is available on DoT website i.e [www.dot.gov.in](http://www.dot.gov.in). The public are cautioned that before they entertain any offer for installation of tower, they should verify the authenticity of TSP from DoT website.
3. **In case any company/agency/individual is asking for advance or for application fee or for money in any form before actual installation of tower, public is hereby cautioned to be extra careful and verify the credentials of the company.**
4. Any person or entity found fraudulently involved in such activity like (i) taking advance etc. In the name of installation of mobile towers (ii) using BSNL name/logo/recommendations for national emblem is liable to be prosecuted under applicable law. **If any person comes across any such fraudulent activity then he/she may report the incident to local police authorities. In addition or alternatively the local TERM Cell may also be contacted whose contact details are available on DoT website i.e [www.dot.gov.in](http://www.dot.gov.in).**

**Any action on the part of any individual will be at his own risk and BSNL shall not be liable in any way**

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**Telecom Enforcement Resource & Monitoring Wing**  
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Letter No. 1-1/2015-TERM

Dated: 28.12.2015

To,

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All TERM Cells

**Subject: Frauds related to installation of towers and seeking advance-spreading awareness among general public**

This is in reference to ongoing frauds related to installation of mobile towers thereby cheating general public by promising them hefty monthly rental payment and asking them to deposit advance payment in lieu of leasing the premises for installation of mobile tower.

2. In this regard, there is need to educate general public in the above referred matter and cautioning them to be extra careful and verify the credentials of the company before they entertain any offer for installation of tower.

3. In view of above, all TERM Cells are requested to take following steps:

- i. Spreading awareness among general public by publishing public notices in leading newspapers on periodical basis. A draft public notice which can be utilized for this purpose is attached at **Annexure-I**.
- ii. TERM Cells, where such incidences are reported, to bring into knowledge of SPs/Commissioners and DGP of Police to take action on such cases wherein it is observed that name/logo of DoT has been used illegally.
- iii. TSPs in each LSA may be directed to educate their customers by sending SMS, by publishing public notices in leading newspapers in respective area of operation and uploading the public notice on respective websites. Letter issued to telecom industry in this regard is placed at **Annexure-II**.

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Annexure-II

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To,

All Telecom Service Providers (TSPs)  
COAI  
AUSPI  
TAIPA

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3. In view of above, telecom industry is requested to take following steps:

- i. Spreading awareness among general public by publishing public notices in leading newspapers in respective area of operation on periodical basis.
- ii. Sensitizing the general public of the issue by uploading public notices on respective websites. ✓
- iii. Educating subscribers of the matter by sending them SMS. ✓

A draft copy of public notice which can be utilized for this purpose is attached at Annexure-I.

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