

No. 10-40/2007-CS-III
Government of India
Ministry of Communications
Department of Telecommunications
Sanchar Bhawan, 20, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001.
(Carrier Services Cell)

Dated: 28.11.2016.

To

All Infrastructure Provider Cat-I (IP-I) Service Providers

Subject: Clarification regarding scope of IP-I providers.

With reference to DOT Letter No. 10-51/2008-CS-III dated 09.03.2009, the undersigned is directed to convey the following clarification regarding scope of IP-I Providers:-

*“The IP-I providers are not permitted to own and share active infrastructure. The IP-I provider can only install the active elements (limited to antenna, feeder cable, Node B, Radio Access Network (RAN) and transmission system only) **on behalf** of Telecom licensees i.e. these elements should be owned by the companies who have been issued license under section 4 of Telegraph Act, 1885.*

Keeping in view, that some IP-I companies have invested into creation of active network infrastructure, which requires a license under Indian Telegraph Act, 1885, all IP-I providers are hereby provided an opportunity to take either a Unified License or a Virtual Network Operator(VNO) license of requisite authorization or a UL(VNO) Cat-B license for specific geographical area within six months of issue of this letter and move all such operations involving active network elements under the license. Alternatively, within a period of six months, the IP-I providers can transfer all such active network elements to a holder of valid license.”

2. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.


(Sanjeev Kumar Sharma)
Director (CS-III)

Copy to:

- (i) Sr. DDG(TERM), DoT HQ for circulation amongst the TERM Cell Units.
- (ii) Sr. DDG(AS) / WA / DDG(DS), DoT HQ – for information please
- (iii) All Licensed Telecom Service Providers
- (iv) ADG(IT), DoT HQ- for uploading the document on DoT's website.