

Government of India
Ministry of Communications & IT
Department of Telecommunications
Sanchar Bhawan, 20, Ashoka Road, New Delhi - 110 001.

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To,

All the Access Service Providers (CMTS/ UAS/ Basic Service)
All NLDOs

Subject : Calls between Mumbai Metro & Maharashtra Telecom Circle, Chennai Metro & Tamilnadu Telecom Circle, Kolkata Metro & West Bengal Telecom Circle and UP (East) & UP (West) Telecom Circle Service Areas.

The arrangement for dialing and routing of calls from mobile-to-mobile and fixed-to-mobile in the metro district of Kolkata, Chennai & Mumbai and their corresponding remaining part of the States and for service areas of UP (East) & UP (West) are different when compared to other States in India.

2. Correction of above aberration, in public interest, was under consideration of the Government and I am directed to state that it has been decided to correct this aberration, by permitting inter-service area connectivity between access providers in the States of Maharashtra (Mumbai Metro & Maharashtra Telecom Circle Service Areas), Tamilnadu (Chennai Metro & Tamilnadu Telecom Circle Service Areas), Uttar Pradesh (including Uttaranchal) [UP (East) & UP (West) Telecom Circle Service Areas) and West Bengal (Kolkata Metro & West Bengal Telecom Circle Service Areas).

3. The inter-service area connectivity between Access Providers within these four States is permitted subject to the condition that the Access Providers will operate within their existing licensed service area and shall not be permitted to create infrastructure outside their licensed service area for the purpose of inter-service area connectivity. The Access Providers may take lease lines for such connectivity. This inter-service area connectivity shall be only for terminating traffic.

4. With the above arrangement, calls within a State in the above-mentioned four States would be treated as intra-service area call for the purposes of routing as well as Access Deficit Charges (ADC). The dialling procedure for calls within a

State for these States would also be simplified i.e. dialling of mobile-to mobile subscribers and fixed-to-mobile subscribers would be without prefixing '0'.

5. The respective Telecom Service (CMTS/ UAS/ Basic Service/ NLD Service) Licenses shall stand amended accordingly with immediate effect.

6. The tariff including roaming charges is already under forbearance and would continue to be regulated by market forces.

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