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Urgent RTI Matter

Government of India Ministry of Communications & I.T Department of Telecommunication Wireless Planning & Co-ordination Wing 6th Floor, Sanchar Bhavan, 20, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

No. L-14027/RTI-4/2013-WF/1678-76

Dated: 08.08.2014

To, Sabapathy Narayanan 1677/5, H-Block, 14th street, 16th Main Road, Anna Nagar (West) Chennai, Tamil nadu- 600 040

Subject: - Information sought under RTI Act 2005.

Sir,

Kindly refer to your application dated 17.07.2014, transferred to this CPIO by Shri Munesh Kumar, DWA & CPIO, vide his letter No.P-11020/01/2011-PP dated 25.07.2014, on the above mentioned subject. In this regard, the requested information is provided in Para (A) to (L) below. Kindly note that, the information below is regarding frequency below 806 MHz and excludes users related to security agencies such as defence, police etc. For information on security agencies; frequency above 806 MHz; and Part (C) the application, i.e. exemption from licensing requirement - the RTI application is transferred to the concerned CPIO's for providing the relevant information to you directly.

A) A wireless operating license is required for operating wireless stations including the Ground Penetrating Radar System (GPR) for underground utility mapping. The procedure for applying for a W/T license is available in the website of this department- <u>www.wpc.gov.in</u>

B) Frequency assignments for wireless stations including Ground Penetrating Radar 'System (GPR) for underground utility mapping are considered based upon the request of the applicant and as per the relevant provisions of the National Frequency Allocation Plan (NFAP), as amended from time to time. Copy of the NFAP-2011 is available in the WPC Wing's website <u>www.wpc.gov.in</u>.

C) For the information regarding Para (C), your application is being transferred to the DWA (Regulation)/CPIO for providing the information.

D) No such case, as per the information available with this CPIO.

E) There is no exemption from licensing requirement for Céntral and State Governments for their usage of Ground penetrating Radar System (GPR) for underground utility mapping.

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F) No such provision

The Spectrum charges, i.e. (License fee and royalty) payable by State/ Central G) Government Departments and private organisations, is levied for wireless stations, including Ground penetrating Radar System (GPR) for underground utility mapping, as per the order No. No. P-II014/34/2009-PP (I), (II), (II), (IV) dated 22nd March, 2012. Copy of these orders are available in the WPC Wing's website www.wpc.gov.in. The spectrum charges depends on various factors such as the no. of sets, the number of frequencies, power of the equipment, operating range, area of operation and locations of the stations, etc.

Spectrum charges are charged on annual basis. However, the user has the option to H) pay spectrum charges for five years also.

1) Spectrum charges are same for all users, including State, Central, Educational & Research institutions & private organisations for using Ground Penetrating Radar System (GPR) for underground utility mapping.

J) to L) No information is available with this CPIO.

2. Appeal, if any, against the above decision of the CPIO may be preferred within thirty days of the receipt of this letter to Shri R B Prasad, Joint Wireless Advisor and appellate authority, Room No. 604, WPC Wing, DoT, Sanchar Bhavan, 20 Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110 001.

Yours faithfully

(Sukhpal Singh) Deputy Wireless Advisor (P- Group)/ CPIO

Copy to :

1. Shri Munesh Kumar, DWA (Regulation)/CPIO, with request to provide reply to part (C) of the application (copy enclosed) and any other information relevant to the Regulation Group, directly to the applicant under intimation to this CPIO

2. Shri Viresh Goel, DWA (T)/CPIO with request to provide reply to the application (copy enclosed) as applicable to your group directly to the applicant under intimation to this CPIO

3. Shri V K Pant, AWA (Security)/CPIO with request to provide reply to the application (copy enclosed) as applicable to your group directly to the applicant under intimation to this CPIO

4. Director (IT-1) with request to kindly upload a copy of this reply in the RTI portal of DoT under intimation to this CPIO