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**NITI Aayog**  
(S&T Vertical)

**Subject: Cancellation of tenders of RfQ-cum-RFP for Appointment of (i) Creative Agency and (ii) Digital Amplification & Social Analytics & Website Development Agency for NITI Aayog**

Due to unavoidable circumstances the tenders for appointment of a Creative Agency and a Digital Amplification, Social Analytics & Website Development Agency are hereby cancelled.

Vendors who have submitted their EMD, etc., are advised to collect them from Shri R.B. Yadav Tel No. 23096758, 9868300834), Room No. 263, NITI Aayog, Parliament Street, New Delhi 110 001.

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No. 4(4)/14/2016-S&T/ Infra  
**NITI Aayog**  
(Science & Technology Vertical)

**Subject: Draft Note for the Cabinet on “Finalization of issues related to auction of spectrum in various bands”.**

FR is a draft note for the Cabinet on the above mentioned subject, received from the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology addressed to CEO NITI Aayog. The Ministry has requested for comments/ views of NITI Aayog on above.

**Approval Sought:**

The approval of the Cabinet is sought on above draft note for the following proposals for a decision for the forthcoming spectrum auction:

1. Objectives of auction as mentioned in para 3.1.2.
2. The spectrum in all the bands i.e. 700 MHz, 800 MHz, 900 MHz, 1800 MHz, 2100 MHz, 2300 MHz and 2500 MHz bands be put for auction simultaneously as mentioned in para 3.2.1.
3. Quantum of spectrum in 700 MHz, 800 MHz, 900 MHz, 1800 MHz, 2100 MHz, 2300 MHz and 2500 MHz as mentioned in para 3.3.4.
4. Adoption of APT 700 band plan for 700 MHz band with frequency duplex division based 2X45MHz frequency arrangement with 35 MHz in each service area proposed to be included in the forthcoming auction as mentioned in para 3.4.2.
5. Auction of partial spectrum as mentioned in para 3.5.2.
6. Assignment of balance spectrum in case of administratively allotted partial spectrum as mentioned in para 3.6.1.
7. Not linking completion of reassignment and harmonization process in 800/1800 MHz band with the proposed auction as mentioned in para 3.7.2.
8. Block size, conditions for minimum spectrum to bid for in 700 MHz, 800 MHz, 900 MHz, 1800 MHz, 2100 MHz, 2300 MHz, 2500 MHz and assignment of residual spectrum in 1800 MHz band acquired through auction in 2010 as mentioned in para 3.8.1 to 3.8.5.
9. Spectrum cap and the methodology for its computation as mentioned in para 3.9.1 and 3.9.2.
10. Roll out obligations as mentioned in para 3.10.4.

11. Eligibility condition as mentioned in para 3.11.4 and 3.11.5.
12. Validity period of 20 years as mentioned in para 3.12.1.
13. Methodology for liberalization of administratively allotted spectrum in 900 MHz band as mentioned in 3.13.2.
14. Reserve price for auction of spectrum in 700 MHz, 800 MHz, 900 MHz, 1800 MHz, 2100 MHz, 2300 MHz, 2500 MHz band as mentioned in para 3.14.4.
15. Spectrum Usage Charge as mentioned in para 3.15.14.
16. Payment terms as mentioned in para 3.16.2.
17. Based upon the decisions of the Cabinet on the above proposals, Department of Telecommunication may be authorized to finalise a Notice Inviting Applications in consultation with Inter-Ministerial Committee comprising of representative of Ministry of Finance, Department of Electronics and Information Technology, NITI Aayog and Department of Telecommunications, issue NIA and take further auctions such as allotment of spectrum acquired through auction, amendments to relevant licenses etc. with the approval of Minister for Communications and Information Technology. The results are proposed to be finalized with the concurrence of Minister of Finance. This as mentioned in para 3.17.

### **Background:**

The Ministry had sought recommendations of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on applicable reserve price for auction of spectrum in 700 MHz, 800 MHz, 900 MHz, 1800 MHz, 2100 MHz, 2300 MHz and 2500 MHz bands. TRAI submitted its recommendations on 27.1.2016 (**Flag-A**). TRAI recommended that Spectrum Usage Charges (SUG) be fixed at flat rate of 3% for all the spectrum as per its recommendations dated 9.9.2013 on 'Valuation and Reserve Price of Spectrum'. Based on these recommendations of TRAI, a note was submitted for consideration of Telecom Commission (**Flag-B**), which was considered in the Telecom Commission meeting held on 28.3.2016. The minutes of the meeting of the Telecom Commission are placed at (**Flag-C**). TRAI was requested to reconsider some of its recommendations. TRAI's reconsidered recommendations are placed at (**Flag-D**). The reconsidered recommendations of TRAI were placed before Telecommunication on 30.4.2016. Copy of the note for Telecom Commission is placed at (**Flag-E**) and the minutes of the meeting of the Telecom Commission are placed at (**Flag-F**). The Telecom Commission had directed to obtain the opinion of Ld. Attorney General in respect of SUC. The opinion of Ld. Attorney General dated 30.5.2016 and corrigendum dated 2.6.2016 are placed as (**Flag-G**). The opinion of Ld. Attorney General was placed before the Telecom Commission on 7.6.2016. Copy of the note for Telecom Commission is placed at (**Flag-H**) and the minutes of the meeting of the Telecom Commission held on June 7, 2016 are placed at (**Flag-I**). The Telecom Commission approved the proposal at para 5.10 of the note on "Reconsidered Opinion of TRAI, dated 18.04.2016, on Valuation and Reserve Price of Spectrum in 700 MHz, 800 MHz, 900 MHz, 1800 MHz, 2100 MHz, 2300 MHz and 2500 MHz bands". Telecom Commission on 7.6.2016 also considered note titled "To put on all available band on auction together and not sequenced through Simultaneous Multiple Round Auction (SMRA) format for forthcoming auction-regarding". Copy of the note is placed (**Flag-J**) and recommendations to put all 7 bands (700 MHz, 800 MHz, 900 MHz, 1800 MHz, 2100 MHz, 2300 MHz and 2500 MHz" simultaneously (not sequentially) in the forthcoming 2016 auction at (**Flag-K**). The Ministry has included simultaneous auction in multiple bands at para 3.2 and the rates of SUC at para 3.15.14 of the above draft note for the Cabinet.

### **Comments:**

The proposed pricing is expected to result in further efficient utilization of the scarce natural resource of spectrum resulting in harmonious spread of telecom service in the country. The scarce natural resource of spectrum are to be allotted at market determined price and expected to improve efficiency of utilization of spectrum.

We may concur the draft note for the Cabinet as per DFA. Submitted please.

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