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To,

M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd.
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DLF Cyber City, DLF Phase 2, Sector 24,
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Subject: Clarification/Amendment regarding clause No. 2.5 & 5.3.5 of Agreement No. 30-174-7/2015-USOF-BB (Vol. XII) Dated 15.03.2021 signed with M/s RJIL for "Provision of mobile services based on 4G technology in identified uncovered villages and seamless mobile coverage along National Highway in Andaman & Nicobar Islands"

Mobile connectivity in the uncovered villages and along National Highway in Andaman & Nicobar Islands is being provided under the instant agreement. The issue of identification of villages for installation of tower and associated infrastructure for providing mobile services has been raised by the Universal Service Provider (USP) due to pre-existing mobile coverage in some of the villages.

2. The relevant clauses of the agreement are reproduced below:

"Clause 2.5 Installation of tower and associated infrastructure in a given location is not required if it is already covered from any 2G/3G/4G services provided by any other Telecom Service Provider (TSP). The same should be duly justified and certified by the USP."


"Clause 5.3.5: The USP is advised to verify non-availability of the coverage in the villages as specified in Clause 2.5, before installing equipment for which it intends to claim support from Universal Service Obligation Fund. No claims shall be admissible for cases of duplicate/redundant infrastructure sites/ towers. No subsidy shall be paid for installation of tower to cover partially covered villages".

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3. The matter has been examined in DoT and it has been decided that the USP's claim for support from USOF shall be admissible for installation of tower and associated infrastructure only in those villages, where the following criteria is met:

“Less than 60% street level coverage (including paths used by people, where “streets” are not there) of mobile services pre-exists in the inhabited areas of the village from a single operator as per the criteria specified in DoT’s applicable Test Schedule & Test Procedure (TSTP)”.

4. This issues with the approval of Administrator USOF.


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