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Sanchar Bhawan, New Delhi,
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Subject: Minutes of the meeting of Internal Committee under the Chairmanship of Additional Secretary (T) to examine the Revival Plan of MTNL held on 4th October, 2017.

A meeting Internal Committee to examine the Revival Plan of MTNL under the chairmanship of AS (T) was held in Telecom Commission Room, 2nd Floor, Sanchar Bhawan, on 04.10.2017.

2. List of participant in the meeting is at Annexure-I.
3. The issue-wise summary of recommendations and discussions are as follows:

(1) **Proposal relating to reduction in retirement age from 60 years to 58 years for MTNL employees:**

CMD, MTNL intimated that there may be possibility of industrial unrest in MTNL if retirement age of its employees is reduced from 60 years to 58 years. The Unions/Associations of MTNL have already given strike notice in connection with their demand for benefit of merger of 50% DA effectively amounting to 78.2% as on 01.01.2007.

MTNL was asked to negotiate with the Joint Forum of MTNL Union and Association regarding reduction in retirement age from 60 years to 58 years for MTNL employees, so that MTNL may explore regarding grant of benefit of merger of 50% DA effectively amounting to 78.2% in light of saving accrued by such reduction in retirement age.

(Action by: CMD, MTNL)

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(2) Proposal relating to introduction of Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) in MTNL:

It was decided that the VRS in MTNL would be considered after decision on reduction in retirement age to 58 years. MTNL was asked to calculate the savings on introduction of VRS scheme. This should also include savings with different scenarios of number of employees opting for VRS

(Action by: CMD, MTNL)

(3) Proposal relating to extension of validity of 2G license:

CMD, MTNL intimated that MTNL had been awarded CMTS license vide DoT O.M. No. 1-101/85-MTC/PHB dated 10th October, 1997 for a period of 20 years effective from the date of above O.M. In the said license, service areas for meeting rollout obligations were not defined appropriately and were not at par with other private operators. Only on 11.01.2001, the jurisdiction of MTNL for the cellular mobile services was made at par with the service area licensed to other cellular service operators i.e. MTNL was allowed its GSM mobile services to Local Areas served by Ghaziabad, Faridabad, Noida & Gurgaon Telephone Exchange in Delhi LSA and Mumbai, New Mumbai and Kalyan Telephone Exchange in Mumbai LSA.

In view of the above, CMD, MTNL requested that the expiry date of CMTS license along with administratively allotted spectrum may be modified as 10.01.2021 i.e. 20 years from the effective date of granting standard license in terms of geographical coverage at par with other TSPs to maintain level playing field.

DDG(AS) asked MTNL to provide a copy of spectrum allotment letter so that the he could re-examine the request regarding extension of validity of 2G license.

(Action by: CMD, MTNL/DDG (AS))

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(4) Proposal of liberalization of 900 Mhz. band of MTNL:

CMD, MTNL intimated that as on date, MTNL holds total 8.4 MHz spectrum in 900 MHz & 1800 MHz bands (each in Delhi & Mumbai). In Delhi, MTNL has contiguous 6.2 MHz spectrum whereas in Mumbai, the bandwidth is non-contiguous

CMD, MTNL requested that MTNL's non-contiguous 900 MHz spectrum in Mumbai may be made contiguous by exchanging two carriers of 200 KHz each between MTNL and Defence Ministry.

It was decided that MTNL would send a request with all relevant details so that the matter can be examined by Wireless Advisor.

[Action by: Wireless Advisor]

4. This issues with the approval of Additional Secretary (T).



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