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No. 16-363/SC/Sales Tax/2006-TR/BSNL

dated: 13-07-2006

Subject: Redefining/ change of terminology / nomenclature for terms like telephone rental, accessories rental and sale of Sim Cards – reg.

Consequent upon pronouncement of judgement by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on the CWP No.183/2003 - BSNL V/S Union of India and others, against levy of Sales Tax on Telecom Services, BSNL's Counsel dealing the matter had opined that BSNL should change nomenclature of a few terms presently being used, while providing Telecom service to its subscribers.

A Committee was constituted for suggesting revised terms and all the Committee members after deliberating upon the issue arrived at a consensus in recommending the change in the nomenclature of aforesaid three terms. Competent authority has approved recommendations of Committee, and the existing terms have now to be substituted by revised terms as follows:

S.No.	Existing term	Revised term
1.	Rental (for b-fone, WLL as well as mobile phone) Subscription Charges (in r/o mobiles phones)	Fixed monthly charges (in r/o b-fone & WLL) & Fixed monthly charges (with following components) (in r/o mobile phones) SMS: Voice: GPRS: VPN: Roaming: etc
2.	Accessories rental	Miscellaneous charges for Optional Services (Name of the accessory working) Extension: etc.
3.	Sale of Sim Cards	Activation charges.

In this connection, I am directed to request the concerned DDsG to get the requisite changes as approved by the Competent authority, carried out immediately in their branches in the related documents viz., Application Forms, Subscriber Agreement Forms, Billing Software and Billing Data, Revenue records, Accounting Software, Books of Accounts, Commercial and Marketing Records, for uniform applicability of these revised terms in all the related documents/activities in all the wings of BSNL. Suitable instructions to Circles, if found necessary may also be issued.

A confirmatory report of the action having been taken in this regard may kindly be sent to the TRF Branch latest by 18-08-2006, so that Director (Finance) and CMD BSNL can be apprised accordingly.

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Jt. DDG (TR - I)

To
DDG (T&C)/(RegIn)/(CMTS)/(Comml.)/(C.A)/(Taxation)/(Marketing)/(I.A)/ (IT) CO BSNL, ND.

Copy for information and necessary action to:

1. All Heads of Telecom. Circles/ Metro Telephone Districts/ Mtce and Project Circles.
2. PGM/GM (CMTS), Zonal Billing Centre, Pune, Calcutta, Chandigarh, Trichi and Hyderabad.
3. CGM, IT Project Circle, Pune.