

IMPORTANT POINTS OF NTP 2012 IN SUPPORT OF BSNL

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To provide continued support from USO fund for telecom services, including converged communication services in commercially unviable rural and remote areas.

Clause 2.6:

To create fund to promote indigenous R&D, Intellectual Property creation, entrepreneurship, manufacturing, commercializing and deployment of state-

of-the-art telecom products and services.

Clause 2.8:

To notify specific guidelines for according preference to domestically manufactured telecommunication equipment and products either for reasons of security or for Government procurement in accordance with relevant government decisions and policies in this regard.

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Note: Clause 2.6 to 2.9 These clauses were specifically applied to BSNL only and no extra remuneration was provided).

Clause 2.16:

To provide appropriate incentives to the Indian product manufacturers for domestic deployment and exports.

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The primary objective of NTP-2012 is maximizing public good by making available affordable, reliable and secure telecommunication and broadband services across the entire country. The main thrust of the Policy is on the multiplier effect and transformational impact of such services on the overall economy. It recognizes the role of such services in furthering the national development agenda while enhancing equity and inclusiveness. Availability of affordable and effective communications for the citizens is at the core of the vision and goal of the National Telecom Policy – 2012. NTP-2012 also recognizes the predominant role of the private sector in this field and the consequent policy imperative of ensuring continued viability of service providers in a competitive environment. Pursuant to NTP-2012, these principles would guide decisions needed to strike a balance between the interests of users/ consumers, service providers and government revenue.
