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Minister of Communications and
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Government of India

D.O. No. 4-63/2024-DGT/1

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Dear Shri Shrinivas Patil Ji,

Please refer to your D.O. letter No. MPSATARA/LS/P1/006 dated 20.06.2024 regarding 4G compatibility of bandwidth allocated to BSNL by Government of India (700MHz, 900MHz and 2100MHz) in rural areas in Satara District, Maharashtra.

The matter has been examined in consultation with BSNL. BSNL has informed that they had conducted a meeting with most of the chip manufactures and handset OEMs to understand the availability of handsets. BSNL has also requested the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeiTY) to take up the case with handset manufactures /OEMs for enabling 700 MHz band (B28) for 4G services in all their forthcoming handset models. At present, more than 1000 models of handset in India are supporting BSNL's 700 MHz band.

BSNL is also coming out with a draft policy for bundling with OEMs for industry consultation. Through this policy, BSNL intends to enter in to agreements with OEMs supporting mobile handsets in 700 MHz band. BSNL has further decided to install mobile equipment with both 700 and 2100 MHz band in most of the sites in 4G Saturation project. Accordingly, there will be no problem for getting BSNL network service in case 700 MHz handset ecosystem development is taking time to mature at affordable cost.

With these measures, it is expected to tide over the situation of less availability of mobile handsets at affordable cost supporting 700 MHz band.

I hope this clarifies the position.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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