No: Te-51/4/2020-Technology Department of Posts (Technology Division)

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All CPMGs

Sub: **NSP1 TNF locations - Alternative connectivity**

Ref: 1. NIOP Version 2 dt. 6.3.2019: Para 6 (xi) - Alternative link for NSP-1 TNF location

- 2. PMU Dn. letter No. 14-2/2017-PMU (Pt.IV) dated 27.8.2018 regarding decentralization of booking of circuits from local BSNL authorities and cancellation request to BSNL NTR for those locations using different media like NOFN / FTTH etc.
- 3. Technology Dn. letter No. 46-02/2012-Tech Vol III (Pt) dt. 13.3.2020
- 4. Te-50-5/2020-Tech dt. 2.11.2020 regarding mandatory utilization of BSNL and MTNL connectivity

Sir / Madam,

References have been received from the Circles on lack of proper support from BSNL to provide connectivity at TNF locations. Requests were also received to allow HOC to examine and implement other network options at offices where BSNL was unable to provide stable connectivity. Increase in Post Migration TNF locations was another major challenge for circles as it was effecting the regular postal operations.

- 2. The aforesaid issues were reviewed by the competent authority and it is decided that in case BSNL / MTNL is unable to provide stable connectivity by regular / alternate media then the HOC may consider to provide other alternate connectivity options through other service providers (after checking compatibility with NI (M/s Sify)) to restore connectivity at offices. As and when BSNL/MTNL is able to provide stable connectivity on NSP1, circle will switch over to BSNL / MTNL connectivity.
- It is however, once again clarified that in case of opting for alternate mode of connectivity, Circle will bear capex / opex charges and intimate the migration details to Technology Dn. of the Dte. to take up with NI (Sify) and BSNL/MTNL (to cancel the BSNL/MTNL circuit for centralized billing to avoid duplicity).
- 4. In addition, if there is requirement of funds, Circle may approach to PMU Dn. for one time construction charges. VSAT / IDR connectivity cases will be dealt by PMU Dn. centrally.

This issues with the approval of competent authority.

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