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No.10-1/Misc-R&C [CFA]

Circular No. 68/12-13

Dated: 04-03-2013

Subject: - <u>Clarification on withdrawal of Zero / Reduced monthly fixed charges under Landline</u> <u>services in Rural Areas-reg.</u>

Reference is invited to this office letter No. 3-18/2005-R&C (Pt-IV) dated 17-07-2008 (Circular No.25) introducing Zero/Reduced monthly fixed charges plans under landline services in rural areas on promotional basis for a period of 90 days with validity period of two years and subsequent clarification issued vide letter of even no dated 13-08-2008. <u>No extension regarding continuation of these plans beyond validity period was ever granted by this office</u>.

<u>It is, however, observed that some field units are offering these plans to prospective</u> <u>customers even after expiry of promotional offer period and existing customers are being allowed to</u> <u>continue beyond validity period of two years without any approval from this office</u>. The usage analyses of these plans indicate a very poor ARPU i.e. around Rs 12/- under zero renal plan and Rs 26/- under reduced rental plan.

The matter has been examined in this office and it has been decided by the Competent Authority that plans offered to existing customers stand withdrawn and these customers may be migrated to general plans or any plan chosen by them after observing the TRAI guidelines.

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- 1. CMD, BSNL CO, New Delhi
- 2. Director (CFA/CM/ENT/HR/FIN), BSNL Board.
- 3. PGM Regulation for information and necessary action.
- 4. Sr. GM IT-CFA for webupdation.
- 5. T&C-CFA case mark: File No.10-1/Misc-R&C [CFA] carrying approval of the Competent Authority in the matter.
- 6. AD OL for Hindi Version.
- 7. Secretary TRAI for kind information please.
- 8. CGM (ITPC), Pune for immediate arrangement of incorporation/modification of the necessary changes in all Commercial/Billing and Accounting Systems including CDR System.
- Director General P&T Audit Delhi-110054.
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