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To,

The Chief General Manager
All Telecom Circles and Metro Districts, BSNL

Subject- Shutdown of 3G services after stabilization of 4G Network under Phase IX.2 regarding.

Reference: BSNLCO-NGSM/16(11)/3/2021-NWP-OSM-II Dated: 30.06.2023

1. This has reference to our letter quoted above wherein planning guidelines have been issued for BSNL 4G network under Phase IX.2 Project. According to these guidelines, it was suggested that "**The existing spectrum in 2100 MHz band (used for 3G) will also be utilized for offering 4G services wherever found feasible like 4G sites planned at standalone 2G sites or where 3G services has been planned for shut down progressively after stabilization of 4G services**".
2. Further, this is to intimate that as on date 97481 no. of 4G eNodeBs have been installed, out of which 94759 sites are on-air and 70676 sites have been optimized on PAN India basis. The 4G network is now stabilized in all circles.
3. Keeping in view the above progress on 4G Network, circle heads are hereby authorized to shut down the 3G services wherever feasible in their areas. Further, the full spectrum of 10 MHz Bandwidth in Band -2100 MHz may be utilized in 4G for betterment of 4G services. This will help BSNL in saving of expenditure towards power consumption and AMC expenses being incurred on 3G Network.

This has the approval of competent authority.

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