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F.No. 15(149)/2025/DITE&C/Impl. Of ROW Rules 2024/4397

Dated: 13/03/2025

NOTIFICATION

- Read: 1. The Telecommunications (Right of Way) Rules, 2024 dated 17.09.2024.
2. Goa Telecom Infrastructure Policy, 2020 dated 14.08.2020 as amended on dated 10.04.2023.

WHEREAS the new Telecommunications Act, 2023 was enacted by Indian Parliament and came into effect from 26th June 2024. Subsequently, the Telecommunications Right of Way (RoW) Rules, 2024 were enacted and came into force on 01st January 2025. These new Telecommunications Right of Way (RoW) Rules, 2024, replace's the previous rules/Policy and introduce's new regulatory provisions. These rules aims to help in speeding up the expansion of telecommunication infrastructure, enhancing connectivity, and reducing procedural delays.

AND WHEREAS, considering the importance of implementing these rules in State of Goa, it is necessary to adopt and enforce them swiftly. Earlier, the government had issued Goa Telecom Infrastructure Policy, 2020 dated 14.08.2020 as amended on dated 10.04.2023. The implementation of the new Telecommunications Act, 2023, and the Telecommunications (Right of Way) Rules, 2024, within State of Goa was under the government's consideration.

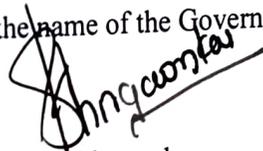
AND WHEREAS Clause 1.4. the Goa Telecom Infrastructure Policy, 2020 dated 14.08.2020 as amended on dated 10.04.2023 provides as follows, "The Policy shall not be in violation or supersession of the provisions in the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885, Tower guidelines issued by DoT (Department of Telecommunications) 2013, Indian Wireless Telegraphy Act, 1933 and Indian Telegraph Right of Way Rules, 2016 (and its Subsequent amendments) in any way."

AND WHEREAS the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 is replaced by the Telecommunications Act, 2023 and Indian Telegraph Right of Way Rules, 2016 is replaced by the Telecommunications (Right of Way) Rules, 2024, the Goa Telecom Infrastructure Policy, 2020 dated 14.08.2020 as amended on 10.04.2023 becomes infructuous by operation of law.

AND WHEREAS, the Government of Goa has decided to facilitate the rapid expansion of telecommunication infrastructure, improve connectivity, and streamline financial aspects, the government has decided that the Goa Telecom Infrastructure Policy, 2020 dated 14.08.2020 as amended on 10.04.2023, will no longer be applicable w.e.f.01.01.2025.

NOW THEREFORE, Goa Telecom Infrastructure Policy, 2020 dated 14.08.2020 as amended on 10.04.2023, stands withdrawn w.e.f. 31.12.2024 by operation of law to give way to new Telecommunications (Right of Way) Rules, 2024 w.e.f. 01.01.2025. All the State Government Departments, Urban & local bodies and Government Corporations in the state must implement the Telecommunications Act, 2023 (effective from 26th June 2024) and the Telecommunications (Right of Way) Rules, 2024 (effective from 01st January 2025).

By Order and in the name of the Governor of Goa,



Kabir Shirgaonkar
Director IT.E&C./Jt. Secretary to
Government of Goa.