

Dated Lahore the 21st October, 2006

To

- i) All District Coordination Officers,
in the Punjab.
- ii) All Director Generals,
Development Authorities in the Punjab.
- iii) All Tehsil/Town Municipal Officers,
Tehsil/Town Municipal Administrations,
in the Punjab.

Subject:- POLICY GUIDELINES FOR INSTALLATION OF BTS (BASE TRANS-RECEIVER STATION) TOWERS.

Government of Punjab has evolved policy guidelines for installation of BTS (Base Trans-receiver Station) Antennas/Towers and exemption of commercialization fee in favour of mobile telecom companies in the Province for strict compliance by Local Governments, Development Authorities and Cellular Phone Companies. The policy guidelines are as under:-

1. NOCs/Approval process

- i) All cellular companies desirous to install BTS towers / antennas etc in the city/rural area of Punjab shall make an application to this effect to the concerned building approval authority.
- ii) The application for NOC for the installation of the communication tower shall be accompanied with the following documents/details:-
 - a. Site plan of the proposed site.
 - b. Site details, whether to be installed on roof top/building premises or open plot.

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- c. A copy of approved building plan in case the antenna/tower is to be installed on roof-top of the building.
 - d. Structural stability certificate from a qualified Structural Engineer/Engineering Company registered with the Pakistan Engineering Council and countersigned by the Director concerned of the Mobile Telephone Company.
 - e. NOC from Civil Aviation Authority where ever required.
 - f. Affidavit from the concerned owner of the property.
 - g. Detailed design of the tower.
 - h. Ownership proof.
 - i. NIC copy of the owner.
 - j. NOC from Environmental Protection Authority for that particular location for generator set only.
 - k. Director concerned of Mobile company to furnish an affidavit stating the following:-

1. "In case of any loss to life or property the concerned cellular company will be bound to pay Rs. 0.2 million (two lacs) to each victim and make good any damage to any property." A proper indemnity bond in favour of the approving authority will be provided by the concerned cellular company.

2. Installation of BTS Towers.

- i) The authorities may allow installation of antennas/towers on following properties:-
 - a. Roof tops of private/Government/Semi Government etc.
 - b. Water tanks.
 - c. Disposal works.
 - d. Nooks/corners of other properties, which can not ordinarily be put to any productive use by local government authorities.

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- e. Redundant parts of parks. (Only after permission from the concerned authorities and areas which can not be used for other activity).
 - ii) The area approved for installation of BTS towers shall be maintained/beautified by the concerned company to create environmental friendly atmosphere.
 - iii) Repair and maintenance of the premises on/in which the BTS sites are to be constructed will be the responsibility of the Mobile Company as per their requirement.
 - iv) The security of BTS towers in all respects shall be the absolute responsibility of the concerned cellular company.
 - v) In case the site is acquired by any Government agency for development activity in public interest, the removable structure shall be removed by the cellular company at its own risk and cost. However, compensation for land and permanent structures shall be regulated according to relevant provisions of law.
 - vi) Permission to install tower will be valid for 10 years initially, renewable for equal terms subsequently after due inspection by the Local Government Authority concerned.

3. Tower Design

- i) Mobile companies will design towers keeping in view the following aspects:-
 - a. Using towers which occupy less space.
 - b. Using eye suiting colors on the towers.
 - c. Utilization of high rise buildings/water tanks, wherever possible.
 - d. Usage of maximum monopoles/wall mounts & masts in cities.
 - e. Indoor solutions in big cities must be encouraged.
 - f. Mobile companies will try to share the towers where ever possible keeping in view all the technical aspects.

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4. Committee for approval.

The following committee is constituted for granting approval/permission for the construction of the towers/antennas.

i) TMA's

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| a. TMO | Chairman |
| b. TO(P&C) | Member |
| c. One other member to be nominated by the Tehsil Nazim | — |

ii) Development Authorities

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| a. DG/Director Town Planning | Chairman |
| b. An Engineer of the rank of SE/XEN | Member |
| c. Any other member to be nominated by the Zila Nazim | |

5. Fee.

The cellular companies will be charged one time NOC fee @ Rs. 20,000/- by the concerned TMA/Development Authority in addition to prescribed building approval fee and no other fees will be charged in the name of approvals/NOCs/renovations. Government, however, may revise these rates as and when required.

6. Exemptions from commercialization charges.

Government may, for the reasons to be recorded, exempt from payment of commercialization charges such concession of land use by Mobile Telephone Companies which involves foreign investment or project being undertaken with foreign collaboration.

7. Noise Pollution.

In case of operations of BTS sites on generator, initially when WAPDA electricity is not available, noise level of the generators set shall be kept

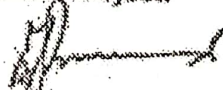
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up to 65 - 75 DB (Decibel) and vibration level will not exceed over 1.1 M, at one meter distance from the generators. All generators shall be housed in brick walled room/sound proof canopies to ensure that the above two parameters, do not exceed the given limits.

8. Miscellaneous.

- i) All structures/towers shall be inspected by the respective approving authority after every two years to ensure safety and environmental standards.
- ii) Any future change in approved specifications (towers base, height, building structure) will require fresh sanction by the approving authorities.
- iii) Mandatory spaces of plots shall not be violated whenever towers are installed.
- iv) All towers/BTS will comply with all applicable standards laid down by Federal Regulatory Authorities in addition to these conditions.

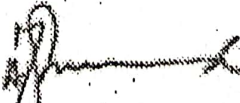
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A Copy is forwarded for information and necessary action to:-

1. The Secretary, Finance Department, Government of the Punjab, Lahore.
2. The Secretary, HUD & PHE Department, Government of the Punjab, Lahore.
3. The Managing Director, all cellular companies.


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