To

The Chief General Managers,
All Telecom Circles/ Telephone Districts,
BSNL.


Sir,

I am directed to enclose herewith DOT Office Memorandum dated 26.05.2017 addressed to CMD, BSNL copy to other concerned organisation on above quoted subject.

Hence all concerned are requested to ensure that the instructions as contained in above said letter be scrupulously followed.

Encl :- DOT Office Memorandum dated 26.05.2017

Yours faithfully,

Parimal Kumar
(Parimal Kumar)
Asstt General Manager (Regulation-III)

Copy to: PGM (S&M-CM) BSNL CO, New Delhi to follow up, monitor and ensure implementation of instructions of DOT Office Memorandum dated 26.05.2017 throughout BSNL Telecom Circles and action taken report in this regard may be submitted to DOT at the earliest.
OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Implementation of Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016

The undersigned is directed to state that Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016 (RPwD Act, 2016) has been brought into force w.e.f. 19.04.2017 and has expanded the horizon of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities viz-a-viz the repealed Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Right and Full Participation) Act, 1995 and casts increased responsibilities on the Government Authorities to ensure that the Persons with Disabilities enjoy their rights equally with others and also for their empowerment. It is needless to say that the RPwD Act 2016 has penal provision for violation of its provisions.

2. According to the provisions of RPwD Act 2016, the Department of Telecommunications is responsible to take specific action in addition to other provisions given in the RPwD Act 2016, such as:
   - In terms of Section 2(n) of the Act, Information and Communication Technology includes all services and innovations relating to information and communication, including telecom services, web based services, electronics and print services, digital and virtual services.
   - Necessary instructions may be issued to make all the Telecommunication services as covered under the above definition accessible for Persons with Disabilities.

3. It is requested that immediate action may be taken to ensure an effective implementation of the provisions of the RPwD Act, 2016. Action taken in this regard may be intimated to us at the earliest.

1. The Chairman & Managing Director, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd., Bharat Sanchar Bhawan, Dr. Harish Chand Mathur Lane, Janpath, New Delhi-110091.
2. The Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd., Mahanagar Doorsanchar Sadan, 5th Floor, 9, C.G.O. Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003.
3. The Chairman-cum-Managing Director, ITI Ltd., ITI Bhavan, Doovaninagar, Bangalore-560016.
4. The Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Telecommunications Consultants India Limited, TCIL Bhawan, Greater Kailash-1, New Delhi – 110048.
5. The Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Bharat Broadband Network Limited, Room No. 306, 3rd Floor, C-DoT Campus, Mandigaon Road, Mehrauli, New Delhi – 110030.
6. The Executive Director, C-DOT Campus, Mehrauli, New Delhi-110030.
7. The Registrar, TDSAT, 27, Kautilya Marg, Diplomatic Enclave, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi-110021
8. The Secretary, TRAI, Mahanagar Doorsanchar Bhawan, Jawahar Lal Nehru Marg, Old Minto Road, New Delhi-110002.