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(भारत सरकार का उपक्रम)
BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED
(A Govt. of India Enterprise)

Dated: 09.08.2021

To

**The Chief General Managers
All telecom Circles/Districts
BSNL**

Subject: Curbing of clandestine /illegal telecom operation and obtaining SIM cards on forged documents

Ref: Letter no. 12-25(1)/2021/TTSC dated 19.07.2021 issued by DoT

Kindly refer to the letter under reference issued by DoT(copy enclosed) on the above mentioned subject.

In this regard, DoT has informed that during the raids conducted at six locations in Kozhikode district, six more illegal VoIP exchanges came to notice wherein SIM Boxes (26), SIM cards (713), Modem, Routers, Inverters, Battery, Data cables, Extension Box, AC & power Adapter, Smart Socket, UPS, Smart Wi-Fi Plug, Code Wire and Server etc. were seized. The equipments to run the exchange include a SIM box, which cost around 1 to 2 lakhs depending on its capacity. Such a device can hold up to 32 SIM cards at a time and can redirect all calls received via the internet as illegal Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) traffic into mobile networks without the support of telephone exchange or mobile phone service provider. Continuance of such illegal activities, which also have national security implications, is a serious issue.

Keeping in view of above & as per DoT directions, all circles are directed to strictly comply with the license conditions/orders/laid down guidelines, while issuing new SIM cards and requested to take strict action against offending SIM Vendors / channel partners.

Encl: As above

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No. 12-25(1)/2021/TTSC
Government of India
Ministry of Communications
Department of Telecommunications
(Security Assurance Wing)

Room No. 1306, Sanchar Bhawan,
20, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001
Dated the 19th July, 2021

Subject: Curbing of clandestine /illegal telecom operation and obtaining SIM cards on forged documents

This office has been informed that six more cases of illegal VoIP exchange came to notice wherein SIM Boxes (26), SIM cards (713), Modem, Routers, Inverters, Battery, Data cables, Extension Box, AC & power Adapter, Smart Socket, UPS, Smart Wi-Fi Plug, Code Wire and Server etc. were seized during raids conducted at six locations in Kozhikode district. The equipments to run the exchange include a SIM box, which cost around 1 to 2 lakhs depending on its capacity. Such a device can hold up to 32 SIM cards at a time and can redirect all calls received via the internet as illegal Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) traffic into mobile networks without the support of telephone exchange or mobile phone service providers.

2. Continuance of such illegal activities which also have national security implications is a serious issue. TSPs are hereby again directed to strictly comply with the License conditions / orders / laid down guidelines, while issuing new SIM cards. It is also requested to take strict action against offending SIM vendors. An action taken report may be furnished by 31.7.2021.


(Neeraj Singhal)
Director (TTSC)

To:

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2. M/s Vodafone Idea Ltd.
3. M/s Reliance Jio Infocom Ltd.
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The DG (T), DoT- for kind information and n/a please.