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Ministry of Information Technology  
(IT & Telecom Division)**

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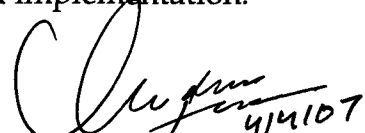
Subject: **RESPONSE OF MOIT TO PTA CONSULTATIVE PAPER ON REVIEW OF  
MOBILE VIRTUAL NETWORK OPERATORS (MVNOs) FRAMEWORK.**

Reference PTA's consultative paper for the review of MVNO framework issued by the Authority, vide circular No. 8-31/05/WLL&M/PTA dated 20<sup>th</sup> March 2006.

2. PTA had come up with the policy mandated governing framework, for operation of MVNOs services, through the afore-mentioned circular after a similar consultation in 2006. Ministry of IT had submitted its comprehensive response, to the initial consultation paper, in the form of guideline letter No. 2-30/2003-DT dated 17<sup>th</sup> March 2006 (copy annexed). However a need for review of the issued framework was felt which has led to the issuance of the fresh consultation paper. Ministry had on several occasions communicated the need for bringing the framework in line with the best practice adopted for operation of MVNOs around the world.

3. After going through the fresh consultative paper/draft framework, Ministry of IT appreciates the efforts and study carried out by PTA for a wholesome review of the existing framework. All provisions of the MoIT's earlier guidelines have also been given due consideration.

4. The adapted new framework will dynamically cater for the needs of the prospective investors in this segment according to the facilitative spirit of the Policy. MVNO regime can now be finalized for announcement, introduction and implementation.

  
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