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**Govt of India**  
**Department of Telecom**  
**LFA Division**

Sanchar Bhawan  
20, Ashoka Road  
New Delhi-110001  
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**To**

**All Pr CCAs/CCAs**  
**All Licensees**

**Subject: Regarding submission of Unaudited/Audited AGR documents and related documents in SARAS**

1. It is informed that SARAS has been operational since FY 2020-21 and Licensees, including Access operators (centralized licensees) as well as standalone operators (decentralized licensees) across India, have now become a stakeholder in the new system, with facility to make online payments, digitally file deduction claims, submit AGR statements, Audited Annual Accounts and related documents, submit bank guarantee details, submit online grievances/representations as well as receive digital Deduction Verification notices/ Assessment Orders/ BG related notices from the Department and respond to all departmental notices regarding financial compliance matters.

2. As per demands of the industry, and for realization of potential of the system for ease of business for Licensees, it had been planned that the need for parallel physical submissions of financial compliance documents, such as Unaudited/Audited AGR Statements, Audited Annual Accounts, Deduction claim documents (including Claim Sheets, bank statements, invoices, TDS certificates etc) would be removed in a phase wise manner.

3. Accordingly, it has now been decided by the Competent Authority, that the physical submissions of the following documents would not be required for Q3 of FY 2022-23 and onwards:

- a. Unaudited/ Audited AGR Statements (Statement of Revenue and License Fee)
- b. Audited Reconciliation Statement
- c. Audited Annual Accounts
- d. Payment Proofs including GAR-6/GAR-7 and Affidavit

4. The physical version of the above documents may be called for by the Deduction Verification/ LF Assessing Authorities as an exceptional recourse for verification, in case of any confusion regarding documents submitted in SARAS, or in case a licensee has not been onboarded/registered onto SARAS.

5. The regular mode of submission shall only be through the designated module of SARAS and as per the current processes being followed in SARAS during self-assessment/payments by Licensees, including filling of Unaudited/Audited AGR Statements as well as uploading the signed copy of the same and related

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documents mentioned above.

6. The same may be duly intimated to all Licensees by the Verifying/Assessing Authorities and adherence to this order may be strictly ensured. For implementing the same, expedited onboarding/registration of licensees (including new licensees) in SARAS may be ensured as well as emphasis and capacity building for online submissions of financial compliance documents may be made an agenda item for the Telecom Resolution Meets/Outreach Programs being conducted by O/o Pr. CCAs/CCAs on a quarterly basis

Regards

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