

F.No. 5-1/2023-NBM (Part-4)
Government of India
Ministry of Communications
Department of Telecommunications

20, Ashoka Road, Sanchar Bhawan,
New Delhi, the 13 February, 2025


OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Appointment of Nodal Officer under Section 14 (4) of The Telecommunications Act, 2023.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the Telecommunications Act, 2023 ('the Act') and Telecommunications (Right of Way) Rules, 2024 under the Act which were published in the Gazette of India on 24th December 2023 and 18th September, 2024 respectively.

2. The sub-section (4) of section 14 under 'Chapter III: Right of Way for Telecommunication Network', of the Act reads as "notwithstanding anything contained in any law for the time being in force, no public entity, except with the permission of an officer authorised by the Central Government for this purpose, shall have the authority to take any coercive action, such as sealing, preventing access, or forcible shutdown of the telecommunication network established by an authorised entity, except where such actions may be necessary to deal with any natural disaster or public emergency".

3. Hence, Central Government has to designate a nodal officer for the above purpose. It is, therefore, requested that a suitable officer not below the rank of Principal Secretary to the State Government/UT may be nominated for the above purpose. The information about the nominated officer may be sent to this Department, to enable notifying such officer as the Nodal Officer, by 15th March, 2025.


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To

The Chief Secretaries of all the States and Union Territories