

**PRESS RELEASE**

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Government had accepted in principle the technical report of Telecom Engineering Centre on Spectral Efficiency on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2007.

A Committee is being constituted in DoT to recommend the revision of present “Spectrum Allocation Criterion” to Licensed operators based on the subscriber figures etc. in a scientific and practicable manner. The Committee will have outside experts also. Cellular Operators Association of India and Association of Unified Service Providers of India will also be associated with the Committee.

The Committee will give its report within three weeks for finalization of spectrum allocation criterion for licensed operators.

Further allocation of spectrum to any category shall be determined on the basis of recommendations of committee and directions of TDSAT, if any.

Pending applications for grant of new Unified Access Services licenses will be processed as per the existing policy.