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No. 404/01/2008-FM/290
Ministry of Information & Broadcasting
"A" Wing, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001

Date: 21/8 July 2009

To

M/s Century Communication Ltd.,
M-140, Lajpat Nagar part-2
New Delhi-110024

Subject: Strict compliance of the terms and conditions of Grant of
Permission Agreement (GOPA).

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter dated 12.06.2009 on the subject mentioned above and to say that the permission to operationalise 9 channels allotted to M/s Century Communication have been revoked vide this Ministry's letter of even no. dated 16.12.2008 as per provision of clause 25.1.1 of GOPA as your company failed to operationalise the channels within the prescribed time period.

2. Before taking the above decision your company was given the following opportunities:-

i) Vide letter dated 3/5.12.07 your company was advised to pay the license fee and to operationise the channels as the CTI work at these stations had been completed and again on 4.3.2008 it was requested to deposit the license fee/take immediate action to operationlise the channels without further delay as otherwise, the Department would be constrained to take action under relevant provisions of the Tender Documents/GOPA. However no response was received from the company. Similarly no response was received with reference to Show Cause Notice dated 15.05.2008. After issue of another Show Cause Notice dated 17.06.2008 informing about the revocation/termination of license agreement(s) in case no reply is received and to treat as sufficient notice, the company on 01.07.2008 replied that the letter was received on 30.06.2008 and they would respond to this Show Cause Notice but no response was received and only during the initiation of Departmental action to encash the BGs, the license fee was furnished on 27.09.2008. The Company did not mention about the operatonalization of their channels.

ii) On 5.11.2008, your attention was invited towards the clause 25.1.1. of GOPA where the Permission Holder shall operationalise the channels within 18 months of the date of signing of GOPA and was advised to furnish their explanation on or before 14.11.2008. Since no reply was received by 14.11.2008, the permission granted to the Company for operationalisation of 9 FM radio stations was revoked vide this Ministry's letter dated 16.12.2008 and the company was also debarred from allotment of another channel in the same city(s) for a period of 5 years from the aforesaid date.

3. Broadcast Engineering Consultants India Ltd also vide its letter dated 05.05.09 (copy enclosed) have informed, that your company has not installed their FM transmitters at any of the nine places namely Ahmednagar, Bilaspur, Daman, Gulbarga, Mangalore, Rajamundry, Tirunelveli, Tuticorin and Warrangal and is not ready for operation on CTI.

4. In view of the above, it is not possible to grant further extension of time. The case may be treated as closed.

Yours faithfully,



(S.P. Veer)

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Encl: As above.