

TDSAT CANCELS Rs 2,000 CRORE DEMAND ON RCOM**TDSAT UPHOLDS RELIANCE COMMUNICATIONS' PETITION AGAINST DEPARTMENT OF TELECOM ON ONE-TIME SPECTRUM CHARGE ISSUE****TDSAT ASKS DOT TO RETURN Rs 2,000-CRORE BANK GUARANTEE TO RCOM AS PER IT'S EARLIER ORDER PASSED ON 3 JULY 2018****APPELLATE TRIBUNAL RULES THAT UPTO 5 MHZ OF CDMA & UPTO 6.2 OF MHZ GSM CONTRACTED SPECTRUM IS EXEMPT FROM OTSC**

Mumbai, 4 February 2019:

A Reliance Communications Limited spokesperson said:

1. The Hon'ble Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal (TDSAT) today upheld Reliance Communications Limited's (RCOM) petition against the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), challenging DoT's decision to impose One-Time Spectrum Charge (OTSC) on its contracted CDMA and GSM spectrum resources. Passing this order, TDSAT held that any telecom operator's spectrum holdings of upto 5 MHz in the CDMA band and upto 6.2 MHz in the GSM band were exempt from any OTSC levies. TDSAT hence set aside the levy of OTSC on RCOM's said spectrum.

2. TDSAT also directed the DoT to return Reliance Communications' Bank Guarantee (BG) of Rs 2,000 crore, as per its earlier order passed on 3 July 2018.

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