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WHEEREAS, the Department of Environment, Government of West Bengal issued an order under memo no. EN/939/T-IV-1/001/2006 dated 24-04-2008 stipulating a set of guidelines to be complied with at the time of installation of mobile towers within the territorial jurisdiction of West Bengal.

2. AND WHEREAS, in the aforementioned order all the local authorities were empowered to give necessary permissions for installation of mobile towers subject to the compliance of the guidelines as mentioned in the aforementioned order (copy enclosed).

3. AND WHEREAS, in this regard West Bengal Pollution Control Board (hereinafter will be referred to as the 'State Board') interacted with the Ministry of Communications & IT, Department of Telecommunications, WPC Wing, SACFA Sectt., Government of India, where from it has come into surface that for installation of mobile towers, the following norms need to be complied with by the mobile tower companies at the time of installing mobile towers

- I. Site clearance should be obtained from the Ministry of Communications & IT, Department of Telecommunications, Government of India
- II. Permissions should be obtained from the local authorities like Municipal Corporations, Municipalities, Gram Panchayets etc.
- III. Structural stability certificate should be obtained from any recognized engineering institution of Government of India or Government of West Bengal.

4. THEREFORE, considering the aforementioned scenario all local authorities like Municipal Corporations, Municipalities, Gram Panchayets etc. are hereby directed to ensure compliance of the aforementioned directions along with the guidelines issued earlier before issuing permission for installation of any mobile tower. Besides, before giving any permission for D.G. Set, 'Consent to Establish' and 'Consent to Operate' certificate issued by the State Board should also be considered.

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5. THAT, after the installation of mobile towers, all the mobile tower companies are directed to submit structural stability certificate, every year to the concerned local authority, certified by an engineer having requisite qualification from recognized institutions of Government of India or Government of West Bengal, to the effect that the structural stability of the mobile tower is maintained properly.

6. THAT, in case of any violation of the aforementioned directions by the mobile tower companies, the local authority should take all possible steps to remove such mobile towers with the help of police authorities and district administration.

7. THAT, the Officer-in-Charge of all the Police Stations within the territorial jurisdiction of West Bengal are directed to provide necessary assistance to local authorities, as and when required for removal of mobile towers for non-compliance of the aforementioned directions.

7. THAT, all mobile tower companies are also directed to follow the aforementioned guidelines strictly along with the guidelines fixed earlier by the Department of Environment, Government of West Bengal and West Bengal Pollution Control Board for installation of mobile tower.

8. THAT, all the electricity supplying authorities are also hereby directed not to provide any electricity connection to any mobile tower company unless the said company submits permission from the Government of India and also from the local authority for installing mobile tower.

This order will take immediate effect.

By Order
Sd/-
(Sandipan Mukherjee)
Member Secretary