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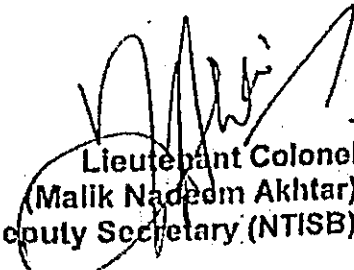
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Subject: - SECURITY OF OFFICIAL INFORMATION

With rapid advancements in the fields of telecommunication and information technologies, protection and safeguarding of official information is becoming a more challenging and difficult task. It is, therefore, essential to use communication channels (both voice and data), that are secure and where there are no chances of any security breach. It is in the notice of the government that a number of private telecom vendors and companies are approaching public sector organizations for voice / internet and data services. These services being provided by private vendors may be efficient or may also be linked with certain incentives but the security of information cannot be guaranteed. Services offered by these vendors may have some back doors which may lead to serious security breach and compromise national interests.

2. Keeping the above in view, it is recommended that for telecom services (voice/ data) only National Telecommunication Corporation (NTC) may be approached. In case NTC shows its inability to provide the desired services, then NOC must be obtained from NTC and only then PTCL or any other vendor may be approached after taking all necessary security measures.

3. Please analyze your present telecom infrastructure and initiate necessary steps for securing government data. Feedback to this effect may be furnished to Cabinet Division by 20<sup>th</sup> April 2010.

  
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