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CABINET DIVISION
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Subject:- PROVISION OF TELECOM AND DATA SERVICES TO
GOVERNMENT/PUBLIC SECTOR

The question of cable laying and its connectivity to 23 government locations by the Project for Improvement of Financial Reporting and Auditing (PIFRA) through a private sector telecom operator was discussed in a meeting held in the Cabinet Division on 26th March 2008 and it was unanimously decided that all telecom projects in the public sector are to be undertaken through National Telecommunications Corporation (NTC) in the light of Pakistan Telecom Act - 1996 and that before initiating such projects, Cabinet Division (NTISB) is to be informed.

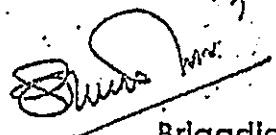
2. It is intimated that NTC was established under Pakistan Telecommunication Act - 1996 and assigned the role under Clause 41(3) of the Act which states:

"The Authority shall grant a license to the National Telecommunication Corporation for provision of telecommunication services within Pakistan on a non-exclusive basis only to the armed forces, defence projects, Federal Government, Provincial Governments or such other Governmental agencies or Governmental Institutions as the Federal Government may determine, and during the exclusivity period of the Company specified in section 39, the National Telecommunication Corporation shall not sell its capacity on the telecommunication system to any person other than such Government agencies or the Company".

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3. It may be appreciated that the sole purpose of creating such organization was to ensure provision of secure voice and data communication facilities in the public sector. All government departments/organizations, therefore, have legal obligation to approach NTC for their telecommunication requirements or for undertaking any telecommunication project for which NTC is fully equipped. It is added that laying of Federal Government Metropolitan Area Network of Electronic Government Division through NTC has almost been completed which will inter-connect all the Divisions and give access to Federal Government Data Center.

4. It is, therefore, requested that no telecommunication project in the public sector be initiated without involving NTC and informing Cabinet Division to avoid duplication of work and to ensure optimal utilization of the existing facilities.


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