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भारत संचार निगम लिमिटेड
(भारत सरकार का उपक्रम)
BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED
(A Govt. of India Enterprise)

NOTICE INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR EMPANELMENT OF ADVOCATES
/ LAW FIRMS FOR BSNL ASSAM CIRCLE

Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is a Government of India Enterprise dealing with providing Telecommunication Service to the public of India. While running its routine affairs BSNL faces legal cases in matters related to Consumer cases, Service matters, Cases related to Tenders, Revenue and Tax demand, Casual Labour problem and case related to Civil matters etc. For ensuring professional and effective representation before the various honorable Tribunal / Courts, BSNL, Assam Telecom Circle wishes to empanel reputed Law Firms and practicing eligible advocates for availing their services and when required for representing BSNL before various Courts, Forum and Tribunals. Hence, applications/ bio-data are invited from well established, experienced and reputed LAW Firms and Practicing Advocates having experience in representation before respective courts as per the eligibility criteria mentioned in this notice.

The Law Firms and Practicing advocates who are registered with the Bar Council of India / State Bar Council are eligible for empanelment. The qualification, experience other terms and conditions and the Performa application in which the application has to be made, have been prescribed by BSNL for representing and assisting BSNL before various Courts, Forum and Tribunal etc. is available on the Company's website at <http://tender.bsnl.co.in> . Eligible Law Firms and practicing advocates may send their application as mentioned in the Para C from the date of the advertisement.

A. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR CONSIDERATION AND EMPANELMENT:

(1).Court wise minimum eligibility criteria for consideration:

A.1 For High Courts: In case of Individual Advocate: Empanelment of Senior Counsels/ Senior Panel Counsels for the cases in High Court of Guwahati.....15 years of experience in High Court.

A.2 For High Courts: In case of Firm of advocates: Senior Partners (Advocate) of firms (having more than 3 to 4 advocates) shall have same qualification and experience as that of individual advocate mentioned above A.1 .

B.1 For Tribunals/ Forums: In case of Individual Advocate: Empanelment of Senior Counsels/ Senior Panel Counsels for the cases in Subordinate Courts/Tribunals/Forums15 years of experience in Subordinate Courts/Tribunals/Forums.

B.2 For Tribunals/ Forums: In case of Firm of advocates: Senior Partners (Advocate) of firms (having more than 3 to 4 advocates) shall have same qualification and experience as that of individual advocate mentioned above B.1.

B.3 For Tribunals/ Forums: In case of Individual Advocate: Empanelment of Panel Counsels for the cases in Subordinate Courts/Tribunals/Forums.....10 years of experience in CAT .

(2) The desirable criteria for empanelment for Advocates/Law Firms shall be as under:- (i) Having office preferably in Guwahati. The office should have good infrastructure like, telephone, internet, computer, mobile, fax etc. so as to enable the Advocate to render efficient and speedy service. (ii) The Advocate should have experience in dealing the court cases of corporate clients / Central Government organizations / Public Sector / autonomous bodies of the State / Central Govt.

(3) The Law Firms and Practicing Advocates should be familiar with various Branches of law especially those Concerning Civil Law, Constitutional Law, Service Law, Labour Law, Contract Law, Corporate Law, Commercial Law, Property Law, Tax Law, Cyber Law, Consumer Law, IPR Laws, Criminal Law and Arbitration.

B. DOCUMENT TO BE SUBMITTED BY THE LAW FIRMS AND PRACTICING ADVOCATES/HOW TO APPLY:-

Interested and eligible Law Firms and Practicing Advocates may submit their Application Form along with latest passport size photograph in the format given Annexure-A. The Application Form duly filled in, along with all following documents/information duly self attested by the Lead Partner / Proprietor, as the case may be, should be submitted in a closed envelope super scribing as:-

The filled Application/Bio-data may be submitted to the addressed mentioned below latest by **16th April 2024 (F/N)**. Application/ Bio-data received after the date/time due to postal delay, incomplete/unsigned, in open envelope or by FAX/Email will not be considered/entertained.

- (i) High School Certificate in support of age.
- (ii) Registration with Bar Council.
- (iii) Identity card issued by Bar Association/Bar Council.
- (iv) Copies of empanelment with other organizations / CPSUs / State PSUs.
- (v) Certificates in support of educational qualifications.
- (vi) An undertaking from the advocate to the effect that all information furnished by him / her is true and correct.
- (vii) Income Tax Returns of Assessment Year 2022-23 & 2023-24..

Address:- Assistant General Manager(Legal)
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**** The Chief General Manager ,BSNL ,Assam Telecom Circle reserves the right to cancel this process at any stage without assigning any reason.**

C. TENURE /TERM OF EMPANELMENT:-

This initial empanelment will be held for THREE YEARS or until further orders whichever is earlier. Performance of empanelled Advocates /Law Firms shall be reviewed on an annual basis. However, on completion of the term and satisfactory performance of the advocate, the empanelment may be renewed for a further period of ONE YEAR by BSNL. The Chief General Manager, Assam Telecom Circle ,however, reserves its right not to empanel any Advocate/Law Firms or renew its period or terminate its empanelment any time without assigning any reason. Upon termination or no renewal of the acknowledgement concerned lawyer shall return the brief to BSNL along with related documents and records with no objection certificate.

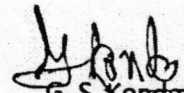
D. PAYMENT OF FEE AND OTHER CONDITIONS

The Legal fee payable and other related costs etc will be governed as per OM issued by Ministry of Law and Justice, GOVT of India Vide Letter No. 27(11)/99-Judl dated-24th Sept 1999, NO.26(1)/2011-Judl dated-01 Sep2011,NO.26(1)/2014/Judl,dated-1st Oct 2015 and subsequent orders/modifications issued time to time.

No.STES-34/32/Pt.II/Legal/48

Dated at Guwahati ,the 30/03/2024

Encl: Annex A


G. S. Konde
AGM (Legal) 14/24

Copy To:

- 1.The Legal cell of NF Rly Ghy / Oil India Limited ,Guwahati/IOCL Guwahati /Powergrid /Neeeco/APDCL/AEGCL-----It is requested kindly to provide the list of empanelment of Advocates please.
- 2.The AGM(IT), Co/Ghy,He is requested to upload the notice in BSNL ASSAM Circle Website.
- 3.Notice Board.