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Qualcomm spectrum cancellation stayed by Indian telecoms tribunal

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NEW DELHI/MUMBAI: Indian telecoms tribunal stayed department of telecom's or DoT's decision to reject Qualcomm's licence application for obtaining broadband service permits on Wednesday.

The US-based chipmaker had approached the Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal or TDSAT on Wednesday after DoT sent a letter rejecting the company's application - for getting [wireless broadband](#) service permits in four Indian service areas. [Qualcomm](#) won and paid 4,900 crore for airwaves in these service areas, in a government auction last year.

Giving relief to the company, the tribunal's chairman Justice SB Sinha passed an interim order that restricted DoT from forfeiting Qualcomm's bid amount and giving BWA airwaves meant for Qualcomm to any other operator till further orders.

The tribunal also asked DoT to reply to the company's petition within two weeks.

The next hearing is scheduled for October 20.

"There does not appear to be anything illegal in this (Qualcomm's delay). For argument sake if we were to agree that there was a procedural lapse, it still is only a procedural issue which can be rectified. It does not call for rejection of license and forfeiting of such a large amount. This will not stand in court if it is challenged," said Vivek Kathpalia, Partner at Nishith Desai law firm. He heads the telecom practice and the Singapore office. The firm advised Qualcomm in its spectrum bid.

In its petition to the tribunal, Qualcomm said it feared that DoT may revoke its licence and allot BWA spectrum to another operator. Senior advocate CA Sundaram, appearing for Qualcomm, said the company bid for four circles and hence made four nominees according to the terms and conditions of the notice inviting applications or NIA.

[Telecoms secretary](#) R Chandrasekhar said he was not aware of the specifics of the order passed by TDSAT but said that "Qualcomm was told that its application to designate four different entities would not be accepted, not a cancellation notice as was being reported in the media."

The secretary added that the department had not yet received any communication in response to the letter sent by the department informing Qualcomm of its invalid application.

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