

# WMO, DoT, conducted awareness drive on Illegal Mobile Signal Boosters in Agra | Public supported drive and removed more than 100 boosters

*Illegal Mobile Signal Boosters lead to increased incidence of call drops and lower data speeds thus degrading service experience in the area*

**Agra, December 25, 2020:** Wireless Monitoring Organisation (WMO) DoT, along with local administration and mobile operators conducted awareness drive in Agra to discourage the use of illegal mobile signal boosters installed in homes, shops and other commercial establishments at several locations in Agra.

People are being made aware about installation, possession or selling of illegal mobile signal boosters at different locations such as Namak ki mandi, Hing ki mandi, kinaree bazar, chaubey ji ka fatah, sheetal complex, shreeji market, shah complex, shriram complex, pipal mandi and a lot many illegal boosters were surrendered by the public with their own will.

Speaking on the inspection, **Mr. Devendra Kumar Rai, IRRS** said “We have initiated large scale awareness drive to clampdown illegal mobile signal boosters, which are causing huge interference in mobile networks and impacting the quality of service. The use of such unauthorized electronic equipment is just like water booster pumps sucking water from the main water supply line, leading to shortage for their neighbours. We aware people not to use any illegal mobile signal boosters by conducting several meetings with shopkeepers and local area leaders. Public supported the awareness drive and approx 75% mobile signal boosters were either surrendered or removed by themselves from their home and shops, and at the last people reported better network connectivity. The Telecom service providers were also been reported the improvement in various network parameters related to Quality of Spectrum.”

He further added that WMO had already been published public notice i.r.o installation, possession or selling of illegal mobile signal boosters in local publications to spread awareness on the issue. Online platforms have also been issued notices to remove listing of such illegal repeaters from their website and such companies have responded positively.

According to Wireless Monitoring Organisation (WMO) of DoT, installation, possession or selling of illegal repeater is punishable offence mentioned under Indian Wireless Telegraphy Act, 1933 and Indian Telegraph Act, 1885.

Illegal mobile signal repeaters have become a major nuisance and are one of the biggest reason for customers facing network issues like call drops and low data speeds. These illegal repeaters are installed by individuals/establishments at homes/offices/PG/Guest houses to boost mobile signals. These illegal equipment interfere with all mobile networks, impacts signal quality and degrades network experience in the entire area. Mobile operator invests heavily in acquisition of spectrum & network rollout to enhance customer experience however the illegal booster cause interference with the mobile network. Authorities were called to crack down on these installations and may take strict action.

**Source:**

<https://dot.gov.in/sites/default/files/WMO%20public%20notice%20for%20boosters.pdf>

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