

# MEASURES TO EXPEDITE TELECOM INFRASTRUCTURE ROLL-OUT IN STATES

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# Indian Telegraph Right of Way Rules, 2016

Indian Telegraph Right of Way (RoW) rules, 2016 issued vide a Gazette Notification on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

1. To ensure that a uniform RoW rules are adopted

across the country.

2. To streamline the process of RoW approvals.

#### **Salient Points:**

1. All State Government Authorities to develop a Electronic

application Single Window Clearance process.

2. Nominal one-time administrative fee for telecom infrastructure

a. For over ground infrastructure – Rs. 10,000

b. For under ground infrastructure – Rs. 1,000 /km

- 3. Time bound clearance within 60 days with deemed approval provision.
- 4. Dispute resolution mechanism and appointment of nodal officer

## National Digital Communications Policy 2018 – Salient Highlights

## The Government has released the NDCP 2018 which was notified on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018. The policy have the following salient provisions to create robust telecom infrastructure

- 'Fibre First Initiative' to take fibre to the home, enterprise, and development institutions in Tier I, Tier II and Tier III towns and rural clusters. According Telecom Optic Fibre cables the status of Public utility
- Extending incentives and exemptions for the construction of telecom towers
- According accelerated Rights of Way permissions for telecom towers in government premises
- Encourage and facilitate sharing of active infrastructure by **enhancing the scope of Infrastructure Providers (IP)** and promoting and incentivizing deployment of common sharable, passive as well as active, infrastructure;
- Incentivizing the use of renewable energy technologies in the communications sector
- According Telecom Infrastructure the status of Critical and Essential Infrastructure at par with other sectors
- Rationalizing taxes and levies on Digital Communications equipment, infrastructure and services
- Addressing security issues across layers: Infrastructure Security (physical infrastructure)
- Fiberization of atleast 60% of telecom towers by 2020

# Availability of robust telecom infrastructure is necessary to facilitate emerging technologies like 5G, IoT and meet the objectives of NDCP 2018

#### Positive correlation of Mobile Services with States' per capita income

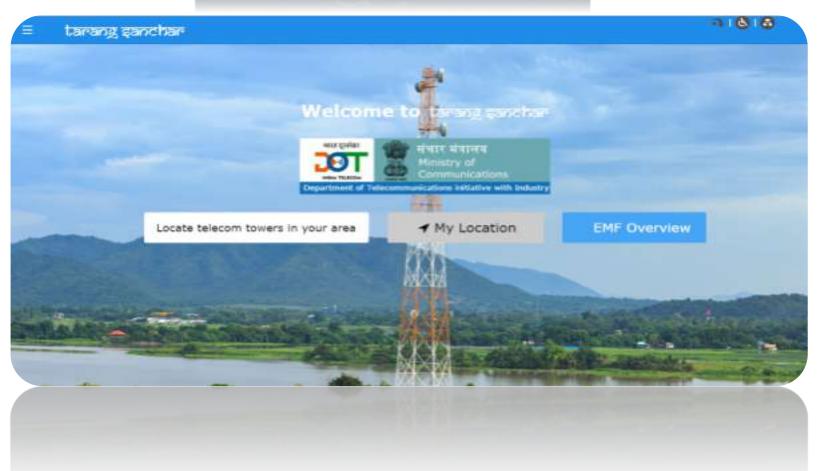
- The mobile industry in India contributes 6.5% (USD140 billion) to country's GDP, and employs over 4 million people (direct and indirect)\*
- The benefits from mobile industry do not accrue uniformly across states catalyzing role of IT is dependent on the extent of reach of t mobile networks across their deepest hinterlands.

| State  | Teledensity | Per Capita Income<br>(2014)    |
|--|-------------|--------------------------------|
| Delhi  | 240.60%     | USD 3435.29<br>INR 2,46,123.07 |
| Himachal Pradesh<br>(highest tele-density in the<br>non-metro state) | 137.34%     | USD 1441.40<br>INR 1,03,269.82 |
| <b>Bihar</b><br>(Lowest tele-density In India)                       | 58.17%      | USD 487.22<br>INR 34907.12     |

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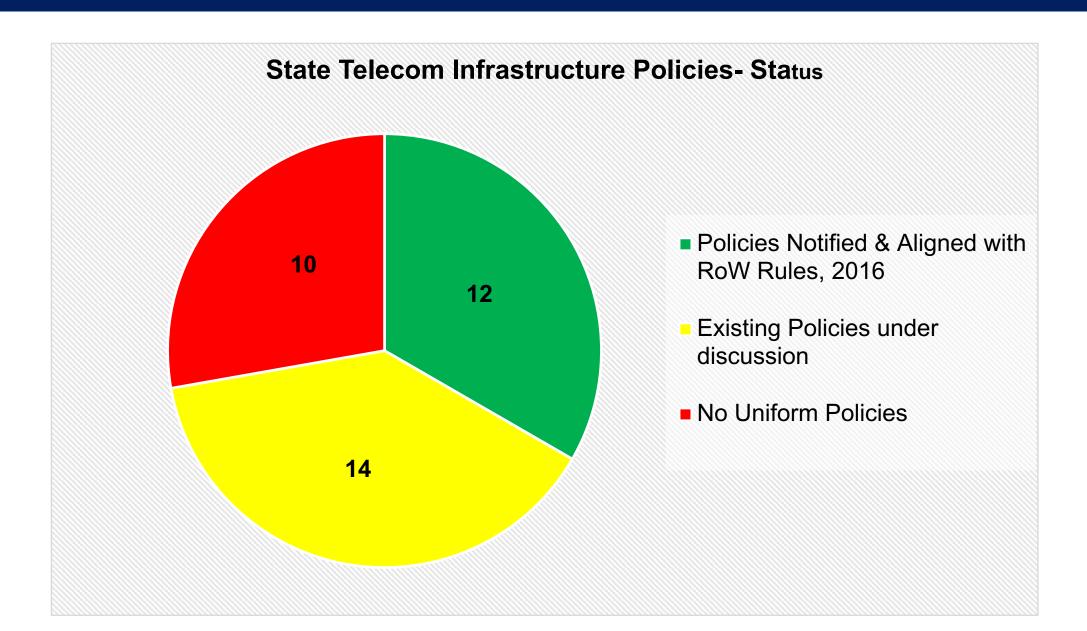


**Tarang Sanchar Portal** is a set of web services (windows) for all stakeholders – DoT, TERM Cells, General Public and Telecom Service Providers for EMF Compliance of Telecom Towers in India.

Tarang Sanchar has nearly **20.2 lakh** BTSs at **@ 5 lakh sites** of all the TSPs spread all over the country.

Facility to be created as part of Tarang Sanchar to enable submission, tracking status and progress of RoW Applications

### Status on Alignment of State Policies with RoW Rules 2016



## **Progress in States**

| Policies Notified & Aligned |   | Exist                             | ting Policies under<br>discussion | No                                    | No Uniform Policies |                          |  |
|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|--|
| S.No                        | State   | Notified Date/Cabinet<br>Approved | S.No                              | State                                 | S.No                | State                    |  |
| 1                           | Jharkhand   | 4th December 2015                 | 1                                 | New Delhi Municipal<br>Council (NDMC) | 1                   | Mizoram                  |  |
| 2                           | Rajasthan   | 6th February 2017                 | 2                                 | Himachal Pradesh                      |                     |                          |  |
| 3                           | *Tripura Government<br>Order  | 6th September 2017                | 3                                 | Punjab                                | 2                   | Nagaland                 |  |
| 4                           | Odisha  | 14th September 2017               | 4                                 | Chandigarh                            | 3                   | Manipur                  |  |
| 5                           | **Haryana   | 6th October 2017                  | 5                                 | Gujarat                               |                     |                          |  |
| 6                           | Assam   | 16th February 2018                | 6                                 | Goa                                   | 4                   | Sikkim                   |  |
| 7                           | Maharashtra   | 17th February 2018                | 7                                 | Madhya Pradesh                        | 5                   | Jammu & Kashmir          |  |
| 8                           | *Tamilnadu Government<br>Order                                      | 18th February 2018                | 8                                 | Chhattisgarh                          | 6                   | West Bengal              |  |
| 9                           | Arunachal Pradesh   | 10th May 2018                     | 9                                 | Kerala                                | !                   |                          |  |
| 10                          | Uttar Pradesh   | 15th June 2018                    | 10                                | Karnataka                             | 7                   | Andaman & Nicobar        |  |
| 11                          | Uttarakhand   | 13th September 2018               | 11                                | Andhra Pradesh                        | 8                   | Lakshwadeep              |  |
| 12                          | ***Meghalaya  | 1                                 | 12                                | Telengana                             | 9                   | Dadar & Nagar Haveli     |  |
|                             | (Detail Policy is under discussi<br>I with RoW rules 2016 (except t |                                   | 13                                | Pondicherry                           | 3                   |                          |  |
| *** Cabine                  | et approved on 10th December<br>January 2019.                       | <b>3</b> ,                        | 14                                | Bihar                                 | 10                  | Daman & Diu <sub>8</sub> |  |

# States with Aligned Policies

#### Common provisions in aligned State **Policies:**

- Single Window Clearance Mechanism
- One time Fee for Installation of Telecom Infrastructure
- *Time Bound Clearances with deemed approvals*
- Documentations aligned with DoT guidelines.
- Validity of Permissions made Co-terminus with the *License / registration Period.*
- Availability of Government lands and buildings

Support required: Implementation of Policies needs to be expedited at the ground level.

State like Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Assam & Odisha have taken the initiative for issuing the directives to all their State departments regarding down the line implementation of respective State notified policies.

|      | TAIPA Comparision Matrix of States Policy viz-viz Row rules, 2016                    |                              |  |  |                              |                   |                   |  |  |  |
|------|--|------------------------------|--|--|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--|--|--|
| S.No | RoW rules, 2016/ DoT<br>guidelines, 2013- Clauses                                    | Andhra Pradesh               | Arunachal Pradesh                          | Assam                                      | Bihar                        | Chandigarh        | Chhatisgarh       |  |  |  |
| 1    | For Underground &<br>Overground Telegraph<br>infrastructure                          | No                           | Yes  | Yes  | No                           | No                | No                |  |  |  |
| 2    | Permission Fees@ Rs.<br>10,000 for Mobile towers &<br>Rs. 1,000/km for OFC.          | No                           | Yes  | Yes  | No                           | No                | No                |  |  |  |
| 3    | Single Window Clearance<br>Mechanism   | Yes                          | Yes  | Yes  | Yes                          | Yes               | No                |  |  |  |
| 4    | Online Single window clearance Mechanism   | No                           | Yes  | Yes  | No                           | No                | No                |  |  |  |
| 5    | Location based restrictions<br>for instalation of mobile<br>towers.                  | Yes                          | No   | No   | Yes                          | Yes               | Yes               |  |  |  |
| 6    | Timeline for clearance- 60<br>Days / deemed approval                                 | 30 days with deemed approval | 30 days deemed<br>approval                 | Yes  | 30 days with deemed approval | No                | Yes               |  |  |  |
| 7    | Permission for Temporary<br>Movable Structures<br>(CoW)(Cell On Wheels)              | No Clause for CoW            | No Permission/Fee<br>required upto 60 days | No Permission/Fee<br>required upto 60 days | No Clause for CoW            | No Clause for CoW | No Clause for CoW |  |  |  |
| 8    | Formation of State<br>Telecom Committee(STC)<br>& District Telecom<br>Committee(DTC) | No                           | Yes  | Yes  | No                           | No                | <b>No</b> 10      |  |  |  |

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| S.No | RoW rules, 2016/ DoT<br>guidelines, 2013- Clauses                           | Delhi             | Goa               | Gujarat           | Haryana                                 | Himachal Pradesh              | Jharkhand                                  |  |  |
| 1    | For Underground &<br>Overground Telegraph<br>infrastructure                 | No                | No                | No                | Yes                                     | No                            | No   |  |  |
| 2    | Permission Fees@ Rs.<br>10,000 for Mobile towers &<br>Rs. 1,000/km for OFC. | No                | No                | No                | No                                      | No                            | No   |  |  |
| 3    | Single Window Clearance<br>Mechanism  | No                | No                | No                | Yes                                     | No                            | Yes  |  |  |
| 4    | Online Single window clearance Mechanism                                    | No                | No                | No                | Yes                                     | No                            | Yes  |  |  |
| 5    | Location based restrictions<br>for instalation of mobile<br>towers.         | Yes               | Yes               | No                | No Yes                                  |                               | No   |  |  |
| 6    | Timeline for clearance- 60<br>Days / deemed approval                        | Yes               | Yes               | No                | 45 Days deemed approval                 | No                            | Yes  |  |  |
| 7    | Permission for Temporary<br>Movable Structures<br>(CoW)(Cell On Wheels)     | No Clause for CoW | No Clause for CoW | No Clause for CoW | CoW allowed for 180<br>days with no fee | No Formal Permission required | No Permission/Fee<br>required upto 30 days |  |  |
| 8    | State Telecom<br>Committee(STC) & District<br>Telecom Committee(DTC)        | No                | No                | No                | Yes                                     | Yes                           | Yes 11                                     |  |  |

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|------|---|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|--|--|--|--|
| S.No | RoW rules, 2016/ DoT<br>guidelines, 2013- Clauses                           | Karnataka         | Kerala            | Madhya Pradesh               | Maharashtra       | Meghalaya                                  | Odisha                                     |  |  |
| 1    | For Underground &<br>Overground Telegraph<br>infrastructure                 | No                | No                | No No                        |                   | Yes  | Yes  |  |  |
| 2    | Permission Fees@ Rs.<br>10,000 for Mobile towers &<br>Rs. 1,000/km for OFC. | No                | Yes               | Yes No                       |                   | Yes  | Yes  |  |  |
| 3    | Single Window Clearance<br>Mechanism  | No                | Yes               | No                           | Yes               | Yes  | Yes  |  |  |
| 4    | Online Single window clearance Mechanism                                    | No                | No                | No                           | Yes               | Yes  | Yes  |  |  |
| 5    | Location based restrictions<br>for instalation of mobile<br>towers.         | Yes               | No                | Yes                          | Yes               | No   | No   |  |  |
| 6    | Timeline for clearance- 60<br>Days / deemed approval                        | No                | 60 days           | 30 days with deemed approval | Yes               | 60 Days                                    | 60 days                                    |  |  |
| 7    | Permission for Temporary<br>Movable Structures<br>(CoW)(Cell On Wheels)     | No Clause for CoW | No Clause for CoW | No Clause for CoW            | No clause for CoW | No Permission/Fee<br>required upto 30 days | No Permission/Fee<br>required upto 90 days |  |  |
| 8    | State Telecom<br>Committee(STC) & District<br>Telecom Committee(DTC)        | No                | Yes               | No                           | Yes               | Yes  | Yes 12                                     |  |  |

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|------|---|------------------------------|-------------------|--|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|--|
| S.No | RoW rules, 2016/ DoT<br>guidelines, 2013- Clauses                           | Pondicherry                  | Punjab            | Rajasthan                                  | Tamil Nadu (GO)   | Telengana                    | Tripura (GO)      |  |
| 1    | For Underground &<br>Overground Telegraph<br>infrastructure                 | No                           | Yes               | Yes  | Yes               | No                           | Yes               |  |
| 2    | Permission Fees@ Rs.<br>10,000 for Mobile towers &<br>Rs. 1,000/km for OFC. | No                           | No                | Yes  | Yes               | No                           | Yes               |  |
| 3    | Single Window Clearance<br>Mechanism  | No                           | No                | Yes  | Yes               | Yes                          | Yes               |  |
| 4    | Online Single window clearance Mechanism                                    | No                           | No                | Yes  | Yes               | No                           | Yes               |  |
| 5    | Location based restrictions<br>for instalation of mobile<br>towers.         | Yes                          | Yes               | No   | No                | Yes                          | No                |  |
| 6    | Timeline for clearance- 60<br>Days / deemed approval                        | 30 days with deemed approval | 14 days           | Yes  | Yes               | 30 days with deemed approval | Yes               |  |
| 7    | Permission for Temporary<br>Movable Structures<br>(CoW)(Cell On Wheels)     | No Clause for CoW            | No Clause for CoW | No Permission/Fee<br>required upto 30 Days | No Clause for CoW | No Clause for CoW            | No Clause for CoW |  |
| 8    | State Telecom<br>Committee(STC) & District<br>Telecom Committee(DTC)        | No                           | No                | No Yes                                     |                   | No                           | Yes<br>13         |  |

#### **TAIPA Comparision Matrix of States Policy viz-viz Row rules, 2016**

| S.No | RoW rules, 2016/ DoT<br>guidelines, 2013- Clauses                           | Uttarakhand             | Uttar Pradesh           |  |
|------|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| 1    | For Underground &<br>Overground Telegraph<br>infrastructure                 | Yes                     | Yes                     |  |
| 2    | Permission Fees@ Rs.<br>10,000 for Mobile towers &<br>Rs. 1,000/km for OFC. | Yes                     | Yes                     |  |
| 3    | Single Window Clearance<br>Mechanism  | Yes                     | Yes                     |  |
| 4    | Online Single window<br>clearance Mechanism                                 | Yes                     | Yes                     |  |
| 5    | Location based restrictions<br>for instalation of mobile<br>towers.         | No                      | No                      |  |
| 6    | Timeline for clearance- 60<br>Days / deemed approval                        | 60 days                 | 45 days deemed approval |  |
| 7    | Permission for Temporary<br>Movable Structures<br>(CoW)(Cell On Wheels)     | Permission upto 90 days | No clause for CoW       |  |
| 8    | State Telecom<br>Committee(STC) & District<br>Telecom Committee(DTC)        | Yes                     | No                      |  |

#### Note:

- States highlighted with
  Green are more or less aligned with RoW rules, 2016. (12 States)
- States highlighted with
  Yellow needs to be
  aligned with RoW rules,
  2016. (14 States)
- 10 States have No Uniform Policies.

### States Online RoW Portal Development- TAIPA Status

|      | States Online Portal Development- TAIPA Status |                                      |                      |  |  |  |  |
|------|--|--------------------------------------|----------------------|--|--|--|--|
| S.No | State  | Policy Notified Date                 | Online Portal Status |  |  |  |  |
| 1    | Jharkhand                                      | 4th December 2015                    | Operational          |  |  |  |  |
| 2    | Haryana  | Haryana 6th October 2017 Operational |                      |  |  |  |  |
| 3    | Assam  | 16th February 2018                   | Under process        |  |  |  |  |
| 4    | Odisha   | 14th September 2017                  | Under process        |  |  |  |  |
| 5    | Uttar Pradesh                                  | 15th June 2018                       | Under process        |  |  |  |  |
| 6    | Rajasthan                                      | 6th February 2017                    | Under discussion     |  |  |  |  |
| 7    | Maharashtra                                    | 17th February 2018                   | Under discussion     |  |  |  |  |
| 8    | Uttarakhand                                    | 13th September 2018                  | Under discussion     |  |  |  |  |

TAIPA is actively involved and supporting the States for developing their Online Single Window Portal. Further, TAIPA representative has been nominated by Assam Government to facilitate them for developing Assam Online Portal.

#### Live Online RoW Portal - Jharkhand



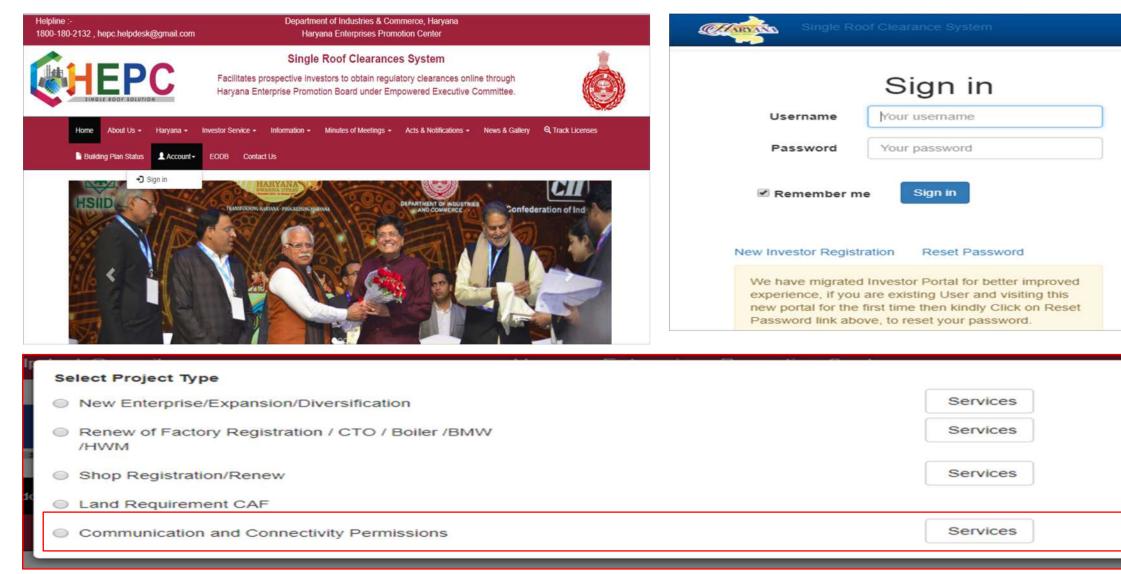
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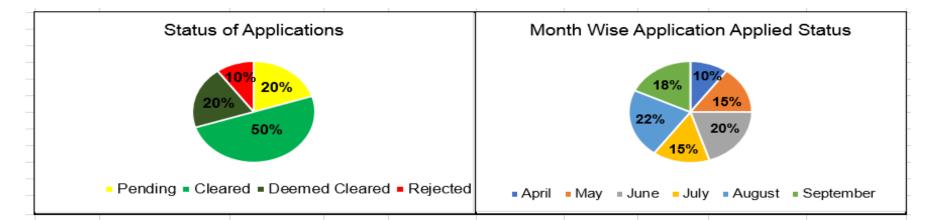
### Live Online RoW Portal - Haryana

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#### **Online RoW Portal in Final Stage – Assam**

| Assam Proposed Dashboard for Application Status                                |         |         |          |          |           |         |                   |          |
|--|---------|---------|----------|----------|-----------|---------|-------------------|----------|
|  |         | Pending |          |          | Completed |         |                   |          |
|  | Applied | Total   | >30 days | >45 days | >60 days  | Cleared | Deemed<br>Cleared | Rejected |
| Establishment and<br>Maintenance of<br>Underground Telegraph<br>Infrastructure |         |         |          |          |           |         |                   |          |
| Establishment and<br>Maintenance of<br>Overground Telegraph<br>Infrastructure  |         |         |          |          |           |         |                   |          |
| Regularization of Tower  |         |         |          |          |           |         |                   |          |



#### **Common issues in States hindering rollouts**

- Multiplicity of policies
- Absence of Single Window Clearance
- Multiple Fee/Levies
- Restrictions on location
- Non- availability of Power
- Security of Telecom Infrastructure
- Varying property tax rates on telecom towers
- EMF Exposure Concerns

Details attached in Annexure

# Common Duct – 'Dig Once Policy'

- The future cities will be built on ready fiber network for enabling ubiquitous and seamless connectivity.
- Common duct will play an important role in laying of fiber and can be used by IP-I, TSPs, cable operators, ISPs, and public utilities.
- 'Dig-Once policy': Common duct laid under the umbrella of 'Dig-Once' policy will enable IP-I/ TSPs/ISPs/Cable-Operators/Other Stakeholders to lay fiber easily for providing the broadband/cable services.

Availability of a common infrastructure would save time, cost and efforts of digging the roads for laying fiber by individual entities

### **Support Required from States**

- Alignment of all States Telecom Infrastructure Policy with Central RoW Rules, November 2016 i.e. Uniform State Policy with One-time nominal fee, Singlewindow clearance in a time-bound manner etc.
- No restriction to be imposed on locations of mobile towers.
- Availability of Government Land & Buildings for installation of Mobile towers.
- Electricity connections to be provided on priority at industrial tariffs.
- To ensure security of Telecom Infrastructure, strict penal norms to be incorporated in State Telecom Policies.
- Numerous pending litigations to be amicably resolved
- No coercive action by State Government against Telecom Infrastructure without prior approval from State Nodal Authority with advance intimation to the effective party.
- Appoint "High Level" Nodal Officer for ensuring Monitoring and down the line Implementation of State Policies.
- Need for a Common Duct policy under Dig Once umbrella.

Above supports are essential to ensure realization of Government's visionary & ambitious programs such as Digital India, SMART Cities & ease of doing business.



