

**File No. 6-24/2024-IR  
Government of India  
Ministry of Communications  
Department of Telecommunications  
(International Relations Wing)**

**Dated 13th March 2025**

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Prioritization of ITU-D Study Group Questions for Future Contributions**

As directed, the IR Wing has identified priority questions from each ITU-D Study Group for future contributions. Given our limited resources, prioritizing these questions will help focus efforts on strategically important areas, ensuring more meaningful contributions.

2. The prioritization exercise was conducted based on the following factors:

1. Number of contributions made in each question (2022-25)
2. Rapporteur/Associate Rapporteur positions held by India (2022-25)
3. Topics of strategic interest
4. Due discussion and feedback from the nodal office (IR Wing)

3. The list of identified priority questions, as approved by Secretary (T), is attached for reference. This list will be reviewed quarterly to ensure alignment with evolving national priorities.

4. Currently, participation in ITU work is largely limited to officials in DoT HQ and TEC. To broaden engagement, field officers should also be actively involved. We may consider establishing a responsibility centre for each question to streamline contributions and ensure sustained participation.

5. To track progress effectively, IR Wing would review the prioritized ITU-D questions and present updates to Secretary (T) every quarter. IR Wing will also prepare a template, coordinate these reviews, and convene the first presentation in April 2025 for the January-March 2025 quarter.

**Encl:** As above

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**To,**

1. DDG (IR), DOT
2. Chairpersons of the NWGs for ITU-D

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**Annexure****List of Priority Questions for ITU-D****1. Study Enabling environment for meaningful connectivity****Group 1 :**

- a. Q3/1 The use of telecommunications/ICTs for disaster risk reduction and management
- b. Q5/1 Telecommunications/ICTs for rural and remote areas
- c. Q7/1 Telecommunication/ICT accessibility to enable inclusive communication, especially for persons with disabilities

**2. Study Digital Transformation****Group 2 :**

- a. Q2/2 Enabling technologies for e-services and applications, including e-health and e-education
- b. Q3/2 Securing information and communication networks: Best practices for developing a culture of cybersecurity
- c. Q6/2 ICTs for the environment