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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Constitution of **Telecom Startups-MSMEs Mission** and a **Facilitation Cell** for focused engagement with Startups/MSMEs in Digital Communication Technologies (DCTs)

Startups and MSMEs are envisioned as the backbone for technology development in realizing indigenous telecommunication technologies in line with Hon'ble PM's Vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat. On multiple forums, while interacting with the Senior Leadership of DoT, the indigenous industry representatives (including Startups/MSMEs) have requested for a Single Point of Contact (SPoC) at DoT Hq. to address their issues in a timely and effective manner.

2. To promote 'Ease of Doing Business and R&D' for Startups & MSMEs, the Competent Authority has directed the following: -

- i) Constitution of "**Telecom Startups-MSMEs Mission**" (TSuM) as an institutional mechanism with immediate effect in the Technology Vertical of DoT.
- ii) Establishment of "**Telecom Startups-MSMEs Facilitation Cell**" under the Mission for continuous engagement and necessary handholding/support to Startups and MSMEs. The broad action areas are as follows:
 - a) R&D Facilitation for Startups, MSMEs including trials/PoC, Spectrum, Funding, Standardization etc.
 - b) Enabling facilitation and coordination with DOT HQ, PSUs and field units
 - c) Intra & Inter-ministerial facilitation
 - d) Market enablement, handholding as may be necessary
 - e) Any other areas to support Startups and MSMEs in line with the objectives of NDCP

3. **Mission Structure:** For the time-bound implementation of various deliverables and monitoring of the outcomes of the Telecom Startups-MSMEs Mission, the Mission Directorate consists of the following:

- i) Telecom Startups-MSMEs Mission- Mission Director
- ii) Telecom Startups-MSMEs Mission - Mission Coordinator

- iii) Supporting Staff (Consultants/Office Assistants/PS/MTS/others - as may be necessary)
- iv) Office space with necessary Infra at DoT-HQ

4. The Mission Directorate/ Facilitation Cell shall function under the overall supervision of Member (Technology) and the channel of submission, to begin with, will be through S-R-I Division, DoT HQ for ensuring synergy in the activities (Refer to Annexure-II).

5. The Facilitation cell shall submit a monthly report on Startups & MSMEs facilitation, including issues taken up with the concerned Wings/Divisions/Organizations/PSUs reflecting facilitation timelines, through O/o Member (Technology).

6. To enable timely facilitation, all the Wings/Divisions/Organizations/PSUs may ensure necessary support/response within two weeks, as and when issues/inputs are put forth by the Startups-MSMEs Facilitation Cell. Taking this forward in a focused way Nodal/Focal points may be identified by the respective Wings/Divisions/PSUs (details at Annexure)

This is issued with the approval of the Secretary (Telecom).

Enclosures:-

- i. Annexure-I - Detailed activities of the Facilitation Cell
- ii. Annexure-II- Nodal/Focal officers to be identified by the respective Divisions/ Wings/ PSUs/Institutions

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To All Wings/Divisions/Organizations of DoT

Copy to

1. PS to Hon'ble Minister of Communications
2. PS to Hon'ble Minister of State for Communications
3. PSO to Secretary (Telecom) & Chairman DCC - for kind information
4. Member(T)/Member(S)/Member(F)/AS(T)/Administrator USOF
5. DG (Telecom) for circulation among DDGs (Technology) of all LSAs
6. CGCA/DG(NTIPRIT)/ Sr.DDG (TEC)/DG(NICF)
7. JS(T)/DDG(SRI)/DDG(IC)/DDG(IR)/DDG(IT)/DDG(NT)/DDG(Satellite)/DDG(A S)
8. WA/JWA WPC, Director WMO; JWAs of respective RLOs
9. DDG(C&A) for facilitating office staff and adequate space & infrastructure
10. EDR C-DOT
11. CMD BSNL/BBNL/TCIL/ITI
12. Nodal points of Vertical Ministries (5G use case inter-ministerial committee) for information
13. DoT Nodal for uploading OM in the DoT website

Annexure-I**Telecom Startups-MSMEs Facilitation Cell:**

It is an institutional mechanism to continuously engage and facilitate Startups & MSMEs in Digital Communication Technologies (DCTs). The Cell shall facilitate on the following broad activities -

- i. Taking up the issues/grievances raised by Startups and MSMEs with respective Wings/Divisions/Organizations/PSUs of DoT and with other relevant Ministries/Departments (as per the need)
- ii. Extending necessary facilitation through DoT field units and taking up the issues with respective State Government Departments/ Agencies. (DDGs (Technology) would lead this facilitation centre at the State level)
- iii. Increasing awareness about domestic and abroad market, assistance to meet statutory requirements, capacity building & training, export, and import support.
- iv. Channelizing Startups/MSMEs efforts in a structured way for providing inputs to various Wings/Divisions/Organizations of the DoT to make informed policy decisions (Technology Trials/PoC, Spectrum, IPRs, Design-led Manufacturing, Integrated R&D efforts, Market Access, Testing & Certification, participation in standards, Capacity building, etc.)
- v. Development and Maintenance of the portal - Bharat Digicom Innovation Network the one-stop platform for bringing all the DCT stakeholders together to cater to the needs of Startups and MSMEs
- vi. Identifying and work on intra-ministerial and inter-ministerial gaps to better facilitate Startup & MSME Community
- vii. Any other item as may be necessary to take forward the Mission's objectives.

Annexure-II

S.No	Nodal/Focal point	Broad areas of facilitation
1	DDG Level from TEC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Testing as service ii) International standards participation iii) IPR facilitation etc.
2	DDG level from USOF	USOF Schemes/Pilots/Projects
3	Director level from C-DOT	Campus network for integration and interoperability testing of 4G/5G/IoT products, R&D collaboration, Consortium, 5G Alliance, Centre of Innovation for IoT/M2M etc.
4	Sr.DWA level from WPC	<p>Spectrum related aspects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Experimental spectrum R&D/Pilots/Field Trials ii) Test zones iii) Identification of unused bands etc.
5	DDG level from NTIPRIT	Capacity building, Inputs on Policies/policy interventions
6	GM/PGM level from BSNL	<p>To establish an institutional mechanism to facilitate Pilots/Field Trials/PoCs in a continuous manner with the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Standing setup (Network & other infra) & ii) Supporting team (for handholding)
7	DDG level from IC	DLI & PLI schemes, Hackathons, WTO related issues, Export/Imports related issues, Technology Trials
8	Director(IP), JS (T) wing	PPP-MII, DCIS scheme, Brand Building scheme etc.
9	DDG(AS)	Policy to Facilitate integration and testing of indigenous products in TSPs Network, Spectrum Licensing related issues, 5G Use case Trials/Adaption etc.
10	DDG(NT)	5G Test Bed Usage and commercialization of Technologies, IoT/M2M Technologies & services
11	DDG(Satellite)	Satcomm Technologies & services
12	DG Telecom DDG(New Tech), DGT HQ DDGs(Technology) of LSAs	Field level facilitation viz. State gov agencies/departments, customs etc.
13	Any other division/organization	As per the Need