

## COAI statement on Notice Inviting Applications for Auction of Spectrum

"We welcome the government's decision to kick start the Spectrum Auction from March 1<sup>st</sup>. This will enable the industry to cater to the exponential increase in data usage which will facilitate in supporting the Digital India vision. While the Govt. has addressed the requirement for availability of more spectrum, lowering the reserve prices would have provided additional resources for network expansion to the Telcos. High reserve prices in past auctions have resulted in large amounts of spectrum remaining unsold. We hope the Govt. will take additional measures to boost the financial health of the industry, which is the backbone of a digitally connected India."

To be attributed to Lt. Gen. Dr. SP Kochhar, DG, COAI