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**Press Statement on Mitigating Impact of Cyclone Tauktae on
Indian Telecommunications Network**

COAI and its members are working closely with Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Infrastructure Providers (IPs) and local state authorities to minimize the impact of Cyclone Tauktae on India's telecommunications network. We are taking every possible step to mitigate Cyclone Tauktae's impact on the people in the states of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Goa and Diu to ensure that the adverse impact of this cyclone is minimal and the disruption in telecommunications and internet services caused by the cyclone is restored at the earliest.

Intra circle roaming has been initiated so that mobile phone users can easily switch between TSPs in case their native TSP is affected. Priority Call Routing is helping government officials to coordinate and execute restoration work. All TSPs and their OEM partners have deployed extra workforce on the ground to protect and restore telecom infrastructure. To cater to the disruption in mobile towers, TSPs have deployed additional Cell on Wheels (CoW) to support impacted telecom sites. In the absence of grid supply, adequate diesel and battery backup at telecom sites is ensuring continuity of services. Close coordination with the NDMA and their Teams in the field is being done.

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