

**COAI applauds the initiative of the Department of Information Technology Electronics and Communications Dept., Telangana Secretariat for the launch of the RoW Portal for Telangana**

**Telangana, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021:** COAI, the leading representative body for the Indian telecommunications industry, appreciates the Department of Information Technology Electronics and Communications Department, Telangana Secretariat for their initiative of launching the RoW Portal in the state of Telangana. This one-stop portal will significantly ease the process of getting 'Right of Way' permission from the respective District Collectors for the Telecommunication infrastructure provider companies. It will be a hassle-free solution which will hasten the approval process and bring transparency in the system encouraging more faith in the Government.

Telangana currently has **26,607** Telecom Towers and **69681 Km** of telecom Optical Fiber cable across as of September 2021. The launch of the RoW Portal by the Government of Telangana is a progressive initiative for the speedy roll-out of telecom infrastructure in the state. It will place the remote places in the state on the digital map of India and help in achieving digital connectivity for all by 2022 in accordance with the National Broadband Mission.

**Lt. Gen. Dr. SP Kochhar, Director General, COAI** said *"We appreciate the efforts of the Government of Telangana for the launch of RoW Portal. This will be helpful in the speedy grant of Telecom Tower and OFC deployment permissions in a time-bound manner. It's a step towards making Telangana digitally advanced and for ease of doing business within Telangana State."*

Telecom Services is a public utility and growth engine for the socio-economic development of the country. For socio-economic progress, there is a need for a strong telecom industry that forms the bedrock by providing a robust network of mobile towers to boost connectivity. Under the new vision shared by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi of building a new Atmanirbhar Bharat by 2022, it is important to develop a robust and secure state-of-the-art telecommunication network providing seamless coverage.

Telecom services have helped people stay connected during the unprecedented times of lockdown. The essential nature of Telecom Services calls upon a need for a robust and secure state-of-the-art telecommunication network that provides seamless coverage. It forms the bedrock of the socio-economic development of the country. A strong telecom industry built on a robust network of mobile towers will enhance connectivity and bridge the digital divide.

A digital revolution lurks on the horizon with 5G as its flag bearer. India is gearing up to ride this bandwagon to a world of seamless digital connectivity, in line with our vision of 'Digital India'. The services providers will work closely with the state in creating a digitally connected ecosystem.

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