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**A. TRAI Recommendations released on 22.09.2023 addressing 'Promoting Networking and Telecom Equipment Manufacturing (NATEM) in India'**

TRAI plays a crucial role in regulating and guiding the growth in the telecommunication sector in India. TRAI's comprehensive Recommendations dated 22.09.2023 addressing 'Promoting Networking and Telecom Equipment Manufacturing (NATEM) in India' are possibly one of the best Recommendations that could have come out in support of Atma Nirbharta in Telecom Sector. To our surprise, these incorporate almost every single suggestion that was made by the VOICE society to the Government from January 2022 onwards. Interaction of TRAI team with the industry is at its best level and they are captured all relevant issues that should have been addressed. This is a tribute to the commitment on ensuring success of the Government's objectives on building an Atma Nirbhar Bharat.

If accepted and implemented, every single desire or wish list of the Indian telecom design companies would be taken care off. This is recipe for sures success of the Indian design & innovation ecosystem that will help realise the dream of our Honourable Prime Minister Sh Narendra Modi ji to build India into a Vishwa Guru.

Robust ecosystem of Indian designed telecom gear will help penetration of 4G & 5G technologies. This commitment will ensure leadership role in 6G deployments that will catapult India into a new orbit of technical superiority thus transforming India into a digitally empowered society and a strong knowledge-based economy. TRAI recommendations will ensure start-up innovation along with a mechanism to generate market pull for domestic products through effective implementation of PPP policy not only with Government buyers but also with private sector TELCO customers. Recommendations include competitive funding options for large scale commercialisation along with low-cost funds for exports.

VOICE has just issued 9 set of letters to the Government capturing all 9 verticals that were covered in TRAI Recommendations. In most of the cases, it is complete endorsement of TRAI Recommendations. In a few cases, minor additional suggestions are made by the VOICE team. These are:

- a) Improvements in PLI Scheme
- b) Preference to Public Procurement Make in India Policy
- c) Financing Options and assistance to MSMEs
- d) Support to Start-Ups
- e) Product Development Cluster Issues
- f) Support System for Export of Domestic equipment
- g) Trade facilitation measures supporting sectorial competitiveness
- h) Incentives and Policies supporting growth of Telecom software Products
- i) Other Issues

**B. New Management & Governing Council of VOICE**

VoICE has finalised its new Management & Governing Council team that will take over from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023 as per attached Annex document. 27 Expert Groups have also been identified and they will cover 27 verticals in which our team is engaged. We will continue to support the Government on all issues supporting Atma Nirbhar Bharat and vision of India being a Global leading in upcoming Technologies including 5G, 6G.

**C. \$G 5G Stack showcasing at MWC, Las Vegas, USA**

This week, our team will be showcasing Indian 4G & 5G Stack at Mobile World Congress at Las Vegas, USA and making efforts to ensure that Indian Consortiums get success in Rip and Replacement Program of USA.



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