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Dear Shri Goyal

Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications have collaboratively evolved the ICTE (Information and Communication Technology and Electronics) agenda and the triad of interdependent draft policies that are together aimed at ushering in a rapid and orderly progression to this exciting future. The 3 policies have been released by Minister for Communications & IT, Shri Kapil Sibal during the week 3-10 October 2011 for public consultation and feedback in 4 weeks and the same can be downloaded from the URLs: mit.gov.in and dot.gov.in.

- 2. These policies project the future and how and when we aim to get there in so far as the ICTE components are concerned. But the transformation envisaged is like a jigsaw puzzle in which the other elements are at least as important as the enabling ICTE components. Actual transformation in sectors like education, health, rural development, skill development, commerce, financial services, and many, many more critically depend on both government and other stakeholders to varying degrees. Especially in areas dominated by Government like health care/services, education and rural development, the Ministries/Departments and the State Governments concerned would need to evolve an approach that maximally exploits the opportunities presented by such a universal, personalized, secure and ubiquitous platform.
- 3. Even in other areas where the role of government is less overwhelming, it would still need to play a key role in evolving a shared vision of the future shape of the sector in the fully ICTE enabled era and the necessary enabling steps needed such as standardization and removal of any regulatory impediments to the transition, which can only be taken by the Government. In all cases, the traditional delivery system, whether governmental or private, would undergo radical changes.
- 4. I would request you to kindly constitute a group to study these policies, the implications they have for your sector. We would be most happy to participate and contribute in these discussions.
- 5. We would appreciate receiving your suggestions and comments on the policies appended by November 7, 2011 preferably on line at the URLs indicated above. I would like to take this opportunity to reaffirm our readiness to stand by you and support you in this common endeavour. I would request you to kindly have us the benefit of your views/suggestions in our endeavour to reaffirm our readiness to serve the nation with the new telecom policy.

With regards

Yours sincerely,

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