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MEETING NOTICE

As per the decision taken in the meeting held on 02.05.14 in Planning Commission (Now Niti Aayog), direct communication link is to be provided through a dedicated submarine OFC from Mainland India [Chennai Cable Landing Station (CLS)] to Andaman & Nicobar Islands [Port Blair CLS] with financial support for CAPEX from USO Fund. The project is proposed to be implemented in two phases:

- Phase-I: Provision of submarine OFC from Chennai to Port Blair and to two other islands Car Nicobar and Little Andaman
- Phase-II: Provision of submarine OFC to Havelock, Kamorta and Great Nicobar Islands (to be taken up on completion of the first phase)

2. The work of preparation of Detailed Project report (DPR) based on Desk Top Survey (DTS) for submarine OFC connectivity between Mainland India and Andaman & Nicobar Islands was awarded to TCIL on 10.02.2015. TCIL has submitted the Final DPR in this regard on 18.05.2015.

3. A **Stakeholders' Meeting** will be held under the Chairmanship of **Member (T), Telecom Commission** to understand the views of different stakeholders on the DPR submitted by TCIL for **Submarine OFC connectivity between Mainland India (Chennai) and Andaman & Nicobar Islands**, as part of the open consultation process as per following details:

Date : 23.06.2015

Time : 03:00 p.m.

**Venue: Conference Hall, 13th Floor, Sanchar Bhawan,
20, Ashok Road, New Delhi**

4. A presentation would be made by M/s TCIL, the Technical Consultant in respect of Detailed Project Report on the proposed USOF scheme. A copy of the DPR submitted by TCIL on the subject would be made available on USOF website [www.usof.gov.in] for information of the stakeholders.

