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Government of India  
Ministry of Communications &  
Information Technology  
Department of Telecommunications

D.O. No. 2-6/2014-Policy-I (Vol.III)  
23 November, 2016

Dear Chief Secretary,

Please refer to my D.O. letter no. 2-6/2014-Policy-I dated 16 March, 2016 forwarding therewith a copy of the draft Indian Telegraph Right of Way Rules, 2016 soliciting your comments on its various provisions.

2. After detailed deliberations with all stakeholders and taking into consideration comments received from various quarters, the Indian Telegraph Right of Way Rules, 2016 have been notified in the Gazette of India. A copy of the Notification no. G.S.R. 1070(E) dated 15 November, 2016 is enclosed herewith. The notification is also available on the website of Department of Telecommunications under URL [www.dot.gov.in/Home/Circulars/Gazette Notifications](http://www.dot.gov.in/Home/Circulars/Gazette%20Notifications). The Rules set out a transparent and time bound process for giving right of way approvals for setting up telecom infrastructure.

3. As per sub-rule (2) of rule 4, every Appropriate Authority has to designate a Nodal Officer and develop an electronic process to receive and process applications from licensees for the grant of Right of Way permission. Further, rule 14(1) stipulates that any dispute arising between a licensee and the Appropriate Authority in consequence of these rules shall be referred to the officer designated by the Central Government. I, therefore, request you to nominate a suitable officer not below the level of Principal Secretary to the Government and inform this Department to enable notifying such officers as Designated Officers for dispute resolution within a period sixty days from 15 November, 2016.

4. The Right of Way Rules need to be widely circulated to all agencies who are involved in granting Right of Way permissions so as to sensitise them about the provisions of the Rules.

5. I also seek your cooperation in implementing these Rules in their true letter and spirit to help in creation of telecom infrastructure that can deliver high speed broadband to all citizens at affordable prices.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

  
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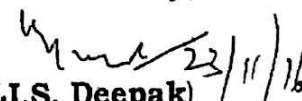
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