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MESSAGE

The Government of India, under the inspirational leadership of our visionary Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has launched several path-breaking initiatives such as Digital India, Make in India and Skill India for leapfrogging the country into a Digital Economy. A robust, competitive landscape, which ensures availability of new communications technologies, services and applications, is central to the growth of GDP, increased in productivity and creation of new jobs in the economy. This requires an affordable, robust and secure digital communications network.

Providing an enabling environment for technology adoption and deployment is critical for inclusive development. The draft National Digital Communications Policy, 2018 (NDCP 2018) seeks to unlock the transformative power of digital communications networks – to achieve the goal of enhancing the well-being of the people of India through digital empowerment. Towards this end, NDCP 2018 attempts to outline a set of goals, initiatives, strategies and intended policy outcomes.

The emerging 5G technology has the potential for major societal transformation in India by enabling massive expansion of digital products and services across industrial, commercial, education, healthcare, agricultural, financial and social sectors. 5G will be the connectivity fabric of the emerging new era of ICT that has the ability to positively transform every sector of the economy and society.

The vision for 5G is driven by inclusivity, wherein our rural and under-privileged population can also benefit from 5G services. The Government is strongly committed to early, efficient and pervasive deployment of 5G mobile networks in India. India also aspires to manufacture for the world, and be a global manufacturing hub in this area.

I would like to congratulate the High Level Forum (5G HLF) for 5G India 2020 led by three Secretaries to the Government of India (Electronics & IT, Science & Technology and Telecommunications) for their collaborative leadership, and Professor A.J. Paulraj, Professor Emeritus, Stanford University USA, the Chair of the 5G Steering Committee, for his leadership role. I would also like to thank eminent members from industry, academia and my officers in the department for creating a framework and roadmap for 5G India 2020 to achieve India's digital communications vision. I seek the cooperation of all concerned in driving meaningful and disciplined implementation of the recommendations outlined in the report, which will help us reach our desired goal.

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