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Office Memorandum

Sub: Positioning C-DOT as Nodal IPR facilitation agency to front-end on Telecommunication IPRs/SEPs/license management for Indian technology entities and industry- Reg

National Digital Communications Policy (NDCP) under the mission, Propel India, envisages to enable Next Generation Technologies and Services through Investments, Innovation and IPR generation. The objectives include, creating globally recognized IPRs in India, developing Standard Essential Patents (SEPs) in the field of digital communication technologies, promoting Indian IPR through international collaborations and active participation in standard development processes and IPR related events, ensuring the availability of essential background IPR in Fair, Reasonable and Non-Discriminatory (FRAND) terms required for promoting local manufacturing and fostering an Intellectual Property Rights regime that promotes innovation.

Indian telecommunication technology entities and R&D ecosystem include startups, MSMEs, industry, academia and other research entities working on developing indigenous telecommunication technologies and related ICTs.

In line with the above, Aatmanirbhar Bharat objectives to build indigenous competencies and enhance India's contribution to Global Value Chains, the Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT), the R&D arm of Department of Telecommunications (DoT) shall act only as a facilitator for SEP negotiations and shall not have any financial liability/obligations towards any parties and is hereby directed to take up the following on priority:

- i. Undertake IPRs/SEPs Management on behalf of the Indian R&D ecosystem as an R&D Collective to negotiate and engage with domestic and global IPR licensors.
- ii. Actively participate in IPRs/SEPs related engagements, licensing negotiations (FRAND terms) between/amongst domestic or global IPR/SEP holders or prospective licensors on behalf of Indian Technology entities as & when approached by either of the party/s; and be party/s to any agreement (including NDA) related to licensing negotiations between/amongst the SEP holders and prospective licensees.
- iii. Development, hosting and maintenance of Indian Telecom IPRs/SEPs repository in co-ordination with TEC, global & regional Standard Development Organizations (SDOs), Academia & Industry.



- iv. Handholding and extending all the necessary support to Start-ups, MSMEs and R&D entities for converting innovations into IPRs and translating research into commercially deployable products.
- v. Any other facilitation to promote and foster the creation of Telecom IPRs in the country.

In order to enable the effective implementation of the above activities, inter alia, the CDoT may engage professional IPR-Technical & Legal counsels, constitute and strengthen its IPR resources. CDoT is also directed to provide wide publicity on this endeavour along with the details of a nodal officer to outreach and communication and provide a quarterly update to DoT on the actions taken.

This is issued with the approval of Secretary(T).

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