



# Webinar on "Telecommunications (Right of Way) Rules, 2024: Industry perspective on implementation of rules and way forward"

**24<sup>th</sup> March 2025, Monday (14:30-16:30 Hrs)**

## Webinar Objective

The Webinar on "Telecommunications (RoW) Rules, 2024: Industry Perspective on Implementation of Rules and Way Forward" aims to offer insights into the industry's perspectives on the implementation of RoW Rules, 2024. It focusses on the challenges, opportunities and regulatory impact on stakeholders such as Rural Verticals of LSAs, Telecom Service Providers (TSPs), Internet Service Providers (ISPs), COAI, DIPA and other key players in Telecom sector. The webinar will also serve as a platform to discuss the way forward and explore strategies to ensure smooth adoption and compliance with the new regulations.

## Inaugural Session (14:30 - 14:50 Hrs)

14:30 - 14:35 Welcome Address **Shri H. S. Jakhar**, DDG (Tx & NGS), NCA-T, Ghaziabad

14:35 - 14:45 Inaugural Address **Shri Deb Kumar Chakrabarti**, DG, NCA-T, Ghaziabad

14:45 - 14:50 Vote of Thanks **Shri Amit Kumar Chauhan**, Director (Tx & NGS), NCA-T, Ghaziabad

## Technical Sessions (14:50 - 16:30 Hrs)

S. No.	Time (Hrs)	Topic	Speaker(s)
1.	14:50-15:30	"Telecommunications (RoW) Rules, 2024: Key takeaways for industry"	<b>Shri Neeraj Kumar</b> DDG & Mission Director, National Broadband Mission, DoT
2.	15:30-15:50	Telecommunications (Right of Way) Rules, 2024: TSP's perspective on implementation issues.	<b>Shri Vikram Tiwathia</b> , DDG, COAI <b>Shri Dhananjay Gawanday</b> , Director, COAI
3.	15:50-16:10	Telecommunications (Right of Way) Rules, 2024: Infrastructure Provider's perspective on implementation issues.	<b>Shri Greesh Kumar</b> General Manager, DIPA
4.	16:10-16:28	Telecommunications (Right of Way) Rules, 2024: Internet Service Provider's perspective on implementation issues.	<b>Shri Rajesh Panwala</b> Chairman & M.D., Smartlink Solutions Pvt Ltd
5.	16:28-16:30	Vote of thanks	<b>Sh. Amit Kumar Chauhan</b> Director (Tx & NGS), NCA-T, Ghaziabad

## Dignitaries of Inaugural Session



**Deb Kumar Chakrabarti**  
DG, NCA-T, Ghaziabad



**H. S. Jakhar**  
DDG (Tx & NGS), NCA-T, Ghaziabad



**Sh. Amit Kumar Chauhan**  
Director (Tx & NGS), NCA-T, Ghaziabad

## Online Platform & Registration

Microsoft Teams

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Link & QR Code to join the Webinar:

<https://tinyurl.com/Telecom-RoW-2024-Webinar>



## Expert Speakers

### Shri Neeraj Kumar

DDG & Mission Director, National Broadband Mission, DoT

Mr Neeraj Kumar is an ITS Officer of 1990 Batch. He is B. Tech. in Electronics and Postgraduate in Public Policy from IIM Bangalore. With an experience of more than 30 years. Mr. Kumar has spearheaded many new services & product launches, which have been a game changer in the Telecom Industry including the first to launch large nation-wide MPLS/IP network in 2003, mass scale Broadband Rollout in BSNL, 'Intelligent Network' Services in BSNL, 3G Value Added Services like video on demand, Mobile TV. He conceived and handled UMANG project which provides 1500+ major Government services through a single Mobile App and was dedicated to the Nation by Hon'ble PM on 23rd Nov. 2017. The app has a user base of more than 5 Crore and bagged Best Mobile App award from UAE Government, Digital India and DARPG awards. Since December 2021, he is working as Mission Director, National Broadband Mission (NBM). In a short period, he got the Centralized Right of Way Portal – GatiShakti Sanchar and Call Before you Dig (CBuD) Mobile app launched. He is also responsible for development of DoT layers on PM GatiShakti, NMP Platform, Right of Way (RoW) part of the Telecom Act. He is also a member of Network Planning Group.



### Shri Vikram Tiwathia

Deputy Director General, Cellular Operator Association of India (COAI)

Shri Vikram Tiwathia is the Deputy Director General, of the COAI. This is India's leading industry association for Telecom, Broadband and Digital services. He interacts extensively with the ICT industry leadership and senior officials at DoT, MeitY, TRAI and other government offices for regulatory and policy matters. He was a member of the Board of GCF. An active member of national industry coalitions - CII, FICCI, Assocham, TSDSI, NASSCOM, IAMAI. He participates in many International Workshops / conferences conducted by ITU, APT etc. He has earlier worked with - TATA Teleservices Limited from 2008-10, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) as their CIO from 2005 – 2008, Indian Army (Signals). Took voluntary retirement in the rank of Colonel in 2005.



### Shri Dhananjay Gawanday

Director, Cellular Operator Association of India (COAI)

Shri Dhananjay Gawanday is working as Director, COAI, handling the Telecom Infrastructure Committee at the Association. COAI is India's leading industry association for Telecom, Broadband and Digital services. In his assignment, he works closely with industry leadership and senior officials at DoT, other State & Central government offices and Regulatory bodies for policy and regulatory matters, especially in Right of Way and Electricity domain. He has earlier worked with Bharti Airtel Limited from 2000-2020 and Casio India Limited from 1997-2000.



### Shri Greesh Kumar

General Manager, Digital Infrastructure Providers Association (DIPA)

Shri Greesh Kumar is an engineering graduate from Uttar Pradesh Technical University. He has an experience of over 14 years in the telecom sector and works very closely with institutions like Indus Towers, Ascend +, with regards to operation related matters. Presently, he is working as General Manager, Digital Infrastructure Providers Association (DIPA) and is responsible for providing the infrastructure to all the cellular mobile operators, work very closely with members and various professional institutions/associations to promote the interest of telecom sector. He has contributed significantly and received various appreciations and awards in maintaining Telecom Infrastructure in Delhi and Bhilwara in Rajasthan.



### Shri Rajesh Panwala

Chairman & M D, Smartlink Solutions Pvt Ltd

Shri Rajesh Panwala has been engaged in ISP business since 1999. Presently, he is holding the Positions of Chairman & M.D of Smartlink Solutions Pvt Ltd, M.D. of Quest Consultancy Pvt. Ltd., M.D. of Turbosmart Televentures Pvt Ltd ( Startup India registered firm instrumental in field of SD-WAN and IoT), Board of director, - NIXI (National Internet Exchange of India), Executive Council Member – ISPAI, Founder & Patron Member – Valsad Chamber of Commerce and Industries and Program Committee Member of South Asia Network Operators Group. His area of Interests are: RoW challenges and issues, Broadband penetration through involvement of all stake holders, increasing wireline broadband penetration across the nation and training and upskilling of youth in the field of Internet and new technology development.



## Organizing Team

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