



## TAIPA Calls for Boosting Telecom Network Capacity

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**Tower and Infrastructure Providers Association (TAIPA) urged for quickly enhancing the telecom network capacity to cope with the rising data traffic** Recently, amidst nation-wide lockdown.

**The data traffic has surged by 30% Work-From-Home**, in the last few days as more and more companies are switching to

### TAIPA

- **registered under the Indian Society registration act, 1860.** Tower and Infrastructure Providers Association was constituted in 2011 as an industry representative body
- **All leading independent telecom infrastructure providers are the members of the Society.** like Bharti Infratel, Indus Towers, ATC India Tower Corp., GTL Infrastructure, Tower Vision and Reliance Infrastructure
- The association is dedicated to interact, discuss and deliberate with the Ministries, Policy Makers, Regulators, Financial institutions and Technical bodies etc for promotion of healthy growth in telecom services.

### Key Points

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- **'work from home' 30% rise in data consumption.** Due to the policy for both public and private employees, there has been a
- **70% rise in cellular network data.** Certain metropolitan cities such as Hyderabad and Bengaluru have posted
- **Telecom services come under essential services** and thereby are exempted from the lockdown.

- - **Centre's Right of Way (RoW) 2016 norms.** The states need to align their policies with the
  - With more than three years gone, only 16 States out of 36 States/UT's have broadly aligned their policy with RoW Policy 2016.

To maintain data usage and smooth functioning of telecom services 24/7 , the telecom sector needs critical, robust infrastructure.

### **RoW 2016 Norms**

- Department of Telecommunications (DoT) issued Right of Way (RoW) rules for rollout of communication networks.
- It aims to facilitate the installation of mobile towers, optic fibre and copper cables in a time-bound, non-discretionary manner.
- The rules aim to rationalise administrative expenses across the country to a maximum of Rs 1000 per km for fibre, and a maximum of Rs 10,000 per application for overhead towers.
- It provides for fast-tracking decisions on RoW permits within 60 days after application.

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