

**PRESS RELEASE**

**COAI warmly welcomes the DoT guidelines on infrastructure sharing.**

**NEW DELHI, April 1, 2008...**Mr. TV Ramachandran, Director General COAI lauded the forward looking guidelines notified by DoT on Infrastructure sharing.

He opined that provisions such as sharing of active infrastructure, further simplification of SACFA procedures, enhancement in scope of the USO subsidy support scheme, etc. would herald a significant acceleration in the growth and expansion on networks and coverage leading to more speedy rollout and delivery of cost effective services in both urban as well as rural areas.

He also welcomed the provision that State Governments would be requested to charge same amounts for setting up of the shared tower at par with unshared tower as this would give a much needed thrust to the sharing of resources in the telecom sector.

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