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	संचार मंत्रालय दूरसंचार विभाग दूरसंचार अभियांत्रिकी केंद्र मानकीकरण प्रभाग	Ministry of Communications Department of Telecommunications Telecommunications Engineering Centre Standardization Division

No. 4-1/2026-STD/TEC,

Dated: 12-01-2026

To.

All Central Government Ministries/ Departments, Standardization Bodies (BIS, TSDSI), Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), C-DoT, Public Sector Units/ (MTNL, BSNL, ITI, TCIL, RailTel, PGCIL), Licensed Service Providers (DoT/MIB), Telecom Manufacturers, Telecom Equipment and Software Vendors, and Industry Associations etc.

Subject: Inputs for formulation of Standards by TEC - Annual Action Plan (AAP) 2026-27

As per Section 19 of the Telecommunication Act, 2023, Central Government may notify standards and conformity assessment measures, inter-alia, in respect of telecommunication equipment, telecommunication identifiers and telecommunication network.

2. Further, under Section 19 of the Telecommunication Act, 2023, Central Government has prescribed the Telecommunications (Framework to Notify Standards, Conformity Assessment and Certification) Rules, 2025 dated 16.05.2025. The objective of these rules is to provide a framework within which the Appropriate Authority may notify standards and conformity assessment measures in respect of any or all aspects specified under section 19 of the Act.

3. As per Rule 4 of the said Telecommunications (Framework to Notify Standards, Conformity Assessment and Certification) Rules, 2025, Telecommunication Engineering Centre (TEC) and the National Centre for Communication Security (NCCS) have been designated as the Appropriate Authority to notify a standard or conformity assessment measure.

4. Accordingly, Telecommunication Engineering Centre (TEC) is formulating standards for the telecommunication equipment and products and prescribe conformity assessment measures in pursuance of its role as the Standards Setting Organization (SSO) for the telecom sector. Now, TEC has initiated the process of preparing its Annual Action Plan (AAP) for the financial year 2026-27 to identify the telecommunication equipment and products for which new standards are required, or existing standards are to be revised. The plan will be finalized based on inputs and suggestions from stakeholders including ministries, PSUs, service providers, manufacturers, vendors, and industry associations.

5. Therefore, the stakeholders are requested to kindly provide the inputs in the following areas:

- i. New standards and specifications: Including characteristics, related processes, codes, specifications, essential requirements, recommended practices, classification, test methods and procedures.
- ii. Prioritization of specific items: Assigning priorities to items that should be taken up urgently in the next financial year.
- iii. Revision of existing standards: Items for which existing TEC standards for Essential Requirements, Generic Requirements, Interface Requirements, Service Requirements, Standards Documents and Test Guides, require revision due to significant technological developments.

6. Details of existing standards, along with the list of various divisions of TEC and their mandates are available on the TEC website (<https://www.tec.gov.in>).

7. Inputs may please be sent by email to ddgstd.tec@gov.in, dirsted.tec-dot@gov.in, and adsd.tec-dot@gov.in no later than Monday, 16 February 2026, to enable timely finalization of the Annual Action Plan 2026-27.

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2. Sr. PPS to Advisor (Technology), DoT for information please.
3. Sr. DDG, TEC for information please.
4. All DDGs, TEC, New Delhi – with a request to circulate this letter to concerned stakeholders.
5. DDG (IT), TEC, New Delhi – for uploading this letter to the TEC website.