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My dear Shekhar,

Despite significant growth of the telecom network and the subscriber base over the last decade, the telecom manufacturing sector in India has not been able to make any noticeable progress. The domestic production was about 12%-13% of the demand in the year 2009-2010 and the Indian product manufacture was just 3% of the total production. The intent in the Telecom Policy and Plan documents to promote indigenous manufacturing has not been matched by the progress on ground. It has, therefore, been felt necessary to evolve a policy alongwith specific measures. Accordingly, the Authority has, through a consultative process, finalized its recommendation on Telecom Equipment Manufacturing Policy.

A copy of the recommendations and the Press release are enclosed herewith. As is practice, these recommendations are also being placed on TRAI's website www.traf.gov.in.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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