



	<p>DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNOLOGY SHOULD REACH THE LAST PERSON OF THE SOCIETY: DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD</p>	
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	<p>Dr. Shakeel Ahmad, Minister of State for Communications & Information Technology, has said that Power is a pre-requisite for telecom – may be it, the telephone exchanges providing landline telephones, or the Cell Phone or even the WLL -- all need power. And within the infrastructure, recognized as crucial for the achievement of our goal on sustained basis, power and telecommunications assume the foremost place and are part of “Bharat Nirman”. As such the development of Technology in these sectors should reach the last person of the society. Dr. Ahmad said this while addressing the workshop on “Telecom & Power Convergence” organised by the Telecom Equipments Manufacturers Association (TEMA) and the Ministry of Power, here today. Dr. Ahmad inaugurated the workshop which was presided over by Shri R.V. Shahi, Secretary, Ministry of Power. The event was attended by both senior officers of the Department of Telecommunications and the Ministry of Power.</p> <p>Speaking on the theme Dr. Ahmad said that convergence of telecom and power would mean development of technology which would enable the infrastructure to provide others’ services. Convergence of power and telecom infrastructure is viewed, throughout the world, as a viable alternative to address rapid expansion and better reach. Power transmission networks have already been exploited as ready infrastructure for overlaying telephone networks. The Minister further added that synergy between power and telecom is a continuous process and there was a need to work in closer coordination. For this, he said that the Department of Telecom would explore the possibilities of setting up of a Working Group comprising representatives from TEMA, Industry and concerned Government Departments. Dr. Ahmad urged the TEMA members to bring out a comprehensive compendium of information relating to both these sectors so as to use it fruitfully for the growth in these sectors.</p> <p>Speaking on the occasion Shri R.V. Shahi, Secretary, Ministry of Power recalled that the concept of convergence of power and telecom emerged as back as late ‘90s. Shri A.K. Saxena, Member (Services), DoT and Shri N.K. Goyal, Chairman, TEMA also spoke on the occasion.</p>	