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Madam/Sir,

Telecom Technology Development Fund (TTDF) Scheme was launched by Department of Telecommunications (DoT) on October 1st, 2022 to fund R&D for telecommunication technology products, applications and services.

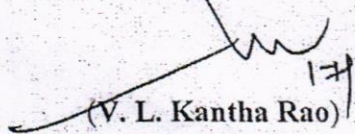
2. Following the implementation of TTDF in year 2022, a new call for proposals under TTDF for the Year 2023 has been initiated on 15th August 2023. The proposals have been sought in three categories (1) indigenous development of chipsets for Indian telecom sector; (2) conduction of pilots for establishment of new technologies for last mile connectivity using BharatNet Infrastructure and (3) open applications in the latest technology areas with the intention to promote intellectual property development within the country and substitution of imports.

3. The applications for the TTDF can be submitted by startups, industry, academia, R&D Institutes, etc., online through the website -usof.gov.in/en/ttdf-proposal-2023. The last date of submission of proposals is 15th September 2023.

4. In this regard, it is requested to kindly circulate the information and encourage start-ups, industry, academia and institutions in your sector/ geography to participate and utilize the support.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


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