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I am writing to you in the context of DOT's Gender Budget Programme under which we are planning to initiate a number of pilot projects aimed at provision of mobile connectivity to Women's Self Help Groups (SHGs) and training of SHGs to run mobile handset/modem repair centers and solar based mobile/CDMA FWT charging center in rural areas. The enclosed concept paper gives details of the programme which will cover the states of Maharashtra, Gujarat, Kerala, H.P., A.P., and in the North-Eastern States.

2. I would encourage handset/modem manufacturers, mobile service providers and mobile VAS providers to participate in our programme as a part of their Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives. In this endeavor we are also looking forward to support them from the USO Fund, NABARD, Ministry of Rural Development and various NGOs.

3. To begin with, we intend to hold a meeting at 11 A.M. on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2010 in Sanchar Bhawan to interact with all stakeholders and exchange ideas, presentations and concept papers. The meeting is expected to close at 3 P.M. This shall be followed by the receipt evaluation, finalization and launch of projects as per schedule detailed in the concept paper.

4. I would request you to attend the meeting. You are encouraged to go through the concept paper and give us your feedback, suggestions and project proposals supported by concept papers/presentations etc. The latter may kindly be sent by 11<sup>th</sup> June so as to enable us to finalize the agenda for the meeting.

Please confirm your acceptance.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Vijayalakshmy K Gupta)

Encl : As above

To

All Mobile Service Providers,  
Mobile Handset Manufacturers,  
Modem Manufacturers,  
Mobile VAS Providers and  
Other Interested Stake Holders..