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“The New Draft Telecom Policy will be based on 3 pillars with WPC reforms; will usher in licensing reforms and focus on agility & inclusivity”

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22 September 2022, New Delhi: *“The Draft Indian telecommunication bill, 2022 would be based on three pillars with Wireless Planning Coordination (WPC) reforms, bringing down the time for licensing to 28 days and ushering in licensing reforms through an online process. This will now reduce the paperwork and Right of Way (RoW) approval permission, down to 6-7 days.”* said **Mr. Ashwini Vaishnav, Minister for Railways; Communications and Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India, at the 9th Annual Forum of Public Affairs Forum of India (PAFI).**

The Hon’ble Minister further commented, *“The CAPEX for railways saw a steep jump with INR 1.93 Lakh crores of investment last year initiated by the ministry with an eye to improve the consumer experience and seamless integration with nation-wide logistics.”*

“The next 25 years would be a period of inclusive growth focusing on every section of society, particularly marginal and deprived sections living at the bottom of the pyramid”, said **Mr. Ashwini Vaishnav, Minister for Railways, Communications and Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India, at the 9th Annual Forum of PAFI.**

His optimism stemmed from the fact of the country witnessing increased economic activity and the Hon’ble PM firm on making India a developed country. The minister said that the inclusive growth processing the country would be focused on 6 pillars of **Investment, Manufacturing, Simplification of laws, Encouragement to Start-Ups, and Reforming old laws with Problem Solving Ability.**

The event was moderated by the **President of PAFI, Mr. Virat Bhatia,** who emphasised on the growth with scale, speed and sustainability and called for the collaborative effort of all stakeholders.

Mr. Ajay Khanna, Co-founder, and Chairman, PAFI emphasized the need for collaborative dialogue between Government, Industry, Civil Society & other stakeholders, for India to become a high-income country.

Tanmoy Chakrabarty, Vice President, PAFI gave the vote of thanks.

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