



## **PRESENT STATUS**

The project is now anchored by DoT and the present status as under:

- TRAI conducted study and submitted comprehensive report to Ministry of Communication on 22.7.2014
- DoT has accorded in principle approval.
- Telecommunication Consultant of India Ltd. is preparing the Detailed Project Report, which is likely to be completed by end of April, 2015.
- Thereafter, the proposal needs to be mooted for approval of telecom commission and cabinet.
- Project completion time would be 18-24 months from the date of commencement.

## **SUGGESTIONS FOR WAY FORWARD:**

- (i) Ministry of Finance to provide additional budgetary allocation for capital cost and recurring cost which cannot be met out of normal budget of the UT.
- (ii) Laying of Optical Fibre Cable between Chennai and Port Blair may be given the status of Flagship program of Government of India.