

Subject: Notice for Stakeholder Consultation Meeting of Draft for Comments (DFC) – Indian Telecom Security Assurance Requirements (ITSAR) for "**L2 and (or) L3 LAN Switch**" | **15th July 2025, 11:00 hrs IST**

Dear Stakeholders,

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 7 of the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 (13 of 1885), the Central Government amended the Indian Telegraph Rules, 1951 to insert Rule 528 to 537 in Part XI under the heading Testing & Certification of Telegraph. The new rules provide that every telecom equipment must undergo prior mandatory testing and certification.

2. Telecom Engineering Centre (TEC) came out with Procedure for Mandatory Testing and Certification of Telecommunication Equipment (MTCTE) in December 2017. The MTCTE document outlines the procedure to operationalise the new Rules.

3. The testing and certification described in the MTCTE procedure document requires that the equipment meets the Essential Requirements (ER). Security Requirement is part of ER for which the equipment must be tested and certified against. The responsibility for framing Security requirements and for Security testing and certification lies with National Centre for Communication Security (NCCS), a centre under Department of Telecommunications headquartered at Bengaluru.

4. Security Assurance Standards (SAS) vertical under NCCS is responsible for drafting and finalizing ITSARs for communication equipment. The draft for Comments L2 and (or) L3 LAN Switch ITSAR is published on NCCS website on 13.03.2025. Comments/inputs were sought from the stakeholders.

5. To discuss upon the comments/inputs/feedback received from the stakeholders DFC ITSAR of **L2 and (or) L3 LAN Switch** an online meeting is scheduled on **15.06.2025** for discussion with the stakeholders (TSPs, M2M service providers, Application service providers, Device manufacturers, OEMs, prospective labs, industry bodies, and academia) and to deliberate upon the Draft ITSAR for **L2 and (or) L3 LAN Switch**. The comments received from stakeholders are the basis for discussion.

6. The details of the online meeting and registration link are as follows:

- Date of meeting: **15th July 2025 at 11:00hrs IST**
- Meeting link: Room Name: Stakeholder consultation NCCS.
- Join CDOTmeet at: <https://cdotmeet.cdot.in/vmeet/rooms/mou-cad-lse-sjk/join>

Stakeholders are hereby requested to participate in the above meeting & give their suggestions/comments/inputs.

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Thanks, and regards

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