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# Telecom Equipment Manufacturing Policy

Developing an Actionable Roadmap

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# Executive Summary (1/2)

- Industry is aligned to the overall vision of the government in making India a centre for telecom equipment manufacturing
- Critical to separate goals of manufacturing, innovation, and security to design an actionable policy that is tamper proof, least market distorting and consistent with international commitments.

## Manufacturing

- India will account for ~ 3% of the global market by 2020 (~USD 17 bn). Self-reliance is not a viable tool to drive globally competitive economies of scale; further, no country is wholly self-sufficient in such a technologically complex industry. Further, Indian manufacturing would require to grow by ~ 100% CAGR over the next 5 years to meet TRAI mandates
- Kick starting local manufacturing – aimed at global markets- calls for developing specialized telecom clusters while addressing infrastructural, fiscal and legal issues, including labor laws.
- Fiscal initiatives are key for accelerated development. Currently, the lack of a local cluster imposes an effective ~ 3% higher end cost on account of freight etc; government may wish to consider a time bound (5 years) incentive to overcome this and kick start the coalescence of a cluster in India
- Without local IC fabrication facilities, not more than ~15-20% value addition is possible in India even over the next 3-4 years. To go beyond that figure requires for India to promote the entire electronics cluster
- PMA mandate should be consistent with WTO guidelines. To the extent applicable, government may consider revising its PMA guidelines for 'value addition' to incorporate substantial transformation to recognize transformation activities and make policy more implementable.

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# Executive Summary (2/2)

## Innovation:

- Encouraging foreign investment is key to transferring know-how and developing capabilities to enable end-to-end product development. Need to strengthen IP protection and infrastructure to facilitate this.
- Initiatives providing seed funds and infrastructure for early stage ventures need to incorporate global best practices.
- Lack of comparable commercial financing options costs local small players significantly in the market. This gap needs to be plugged from both supply and demand perspective
  - A fund which allows local players to offer competitive contract financing options to buyers should be established
  - Operators may be incentivized via license fee rebates
- To build the ecosystem, we need three or four independent mission mode taskforces to foster partnership between Government, industry & academia and focus on developing commercializable technologies

## Security:

- Local manufacturing does not necessarily have any correlation with security. Government needs to develop a comprehensive CIIP framework across all networks under threat – financial, utilities, government etc. classifying action by critical services sought to be protected
- Basic manufacturing threats and operational attacks can be mitigated by a comprehensive certification and testing program ( e.g., Common Criteria) which by design needs to run across all networks of all makes

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## Setting the Objectives

Promoting Manufacturing

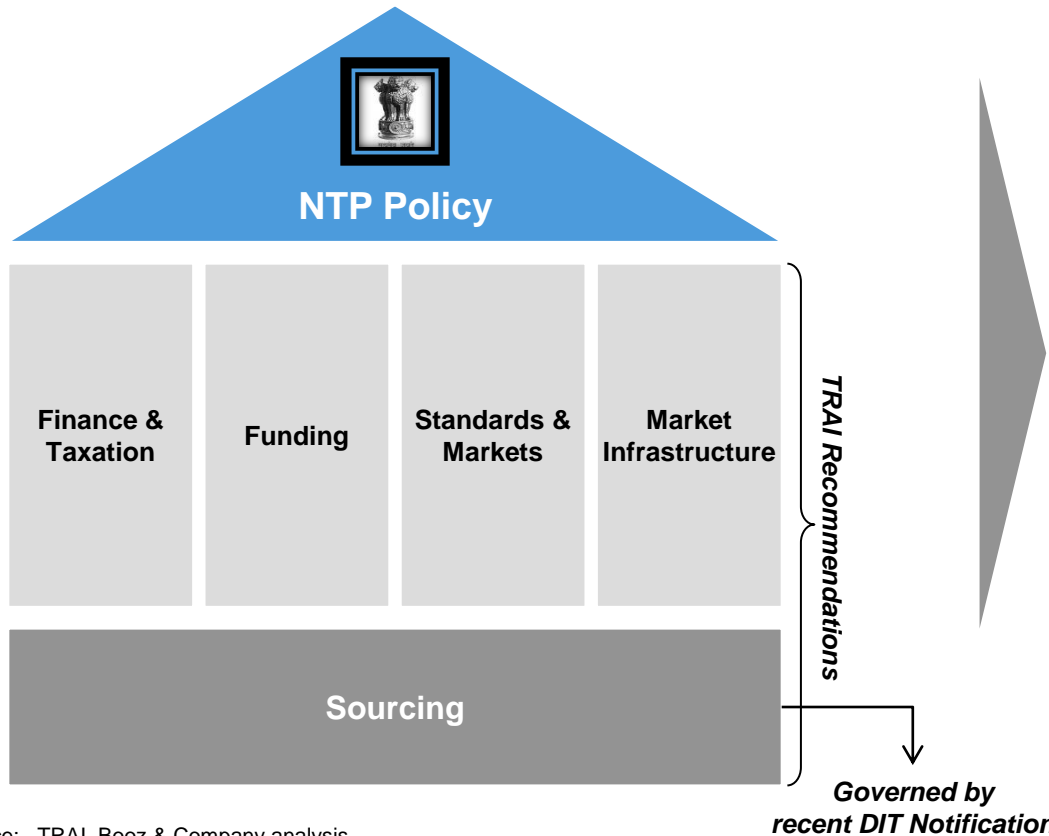
Fostering Innovation

Ensuring Network Security

# Draft NTP reiterates the government's intention to make India a telecom equipment hub; industry is aligned to the vision

## Overall Vision & Key Policy Pillars

*"Make India a global hub for telecom equipment manufacturing and provisioning of converged communication services." – Draft NTP 2011*

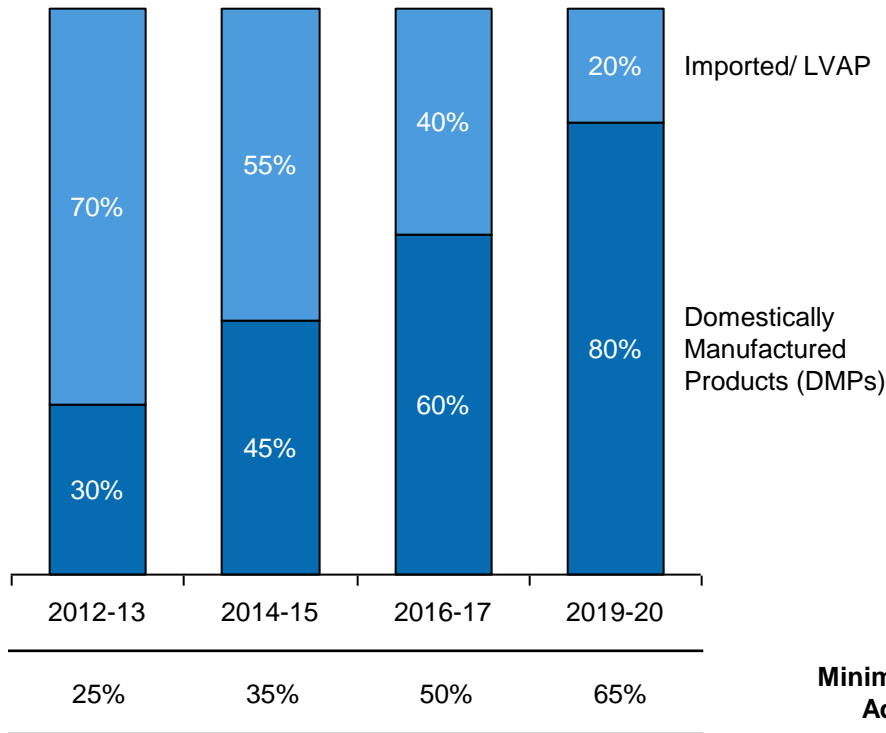


## Area of Support

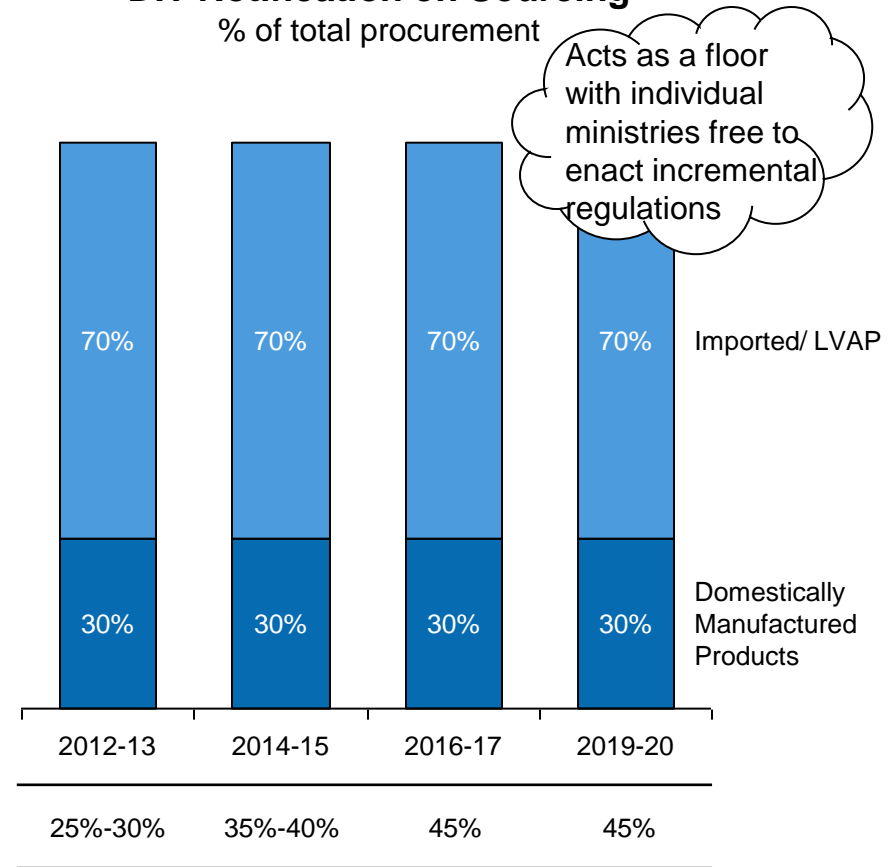
- 2011 National Policy on Electronics sets vision to promote India as ESDM manufacturing hub
- In January 2011, TRAI released policy recommendations for promoting domestic manufacturers in telecom equipment manufacturing
- DIT recently released notification highlighting preferential sourcing for Government procurement and security critical areas
- Telecom industry agrees with the Government of India, TRAI and DIT on the vision to promote hi-tech manufacturing in India
- However, recognize need to make key policy initiatives actionable to collectively enhance the competitiveness of telecom manufacturing industry

# TRAI recommends 80% local sourcing with 65% value addition by 2020 ; DIT has set a floor of 30% sourcing with 45% value addition

**TRAI Recommendations on Sourcing**  
% of total domestic demand



**DIT Notification on Sourcing**  
% of total procurement

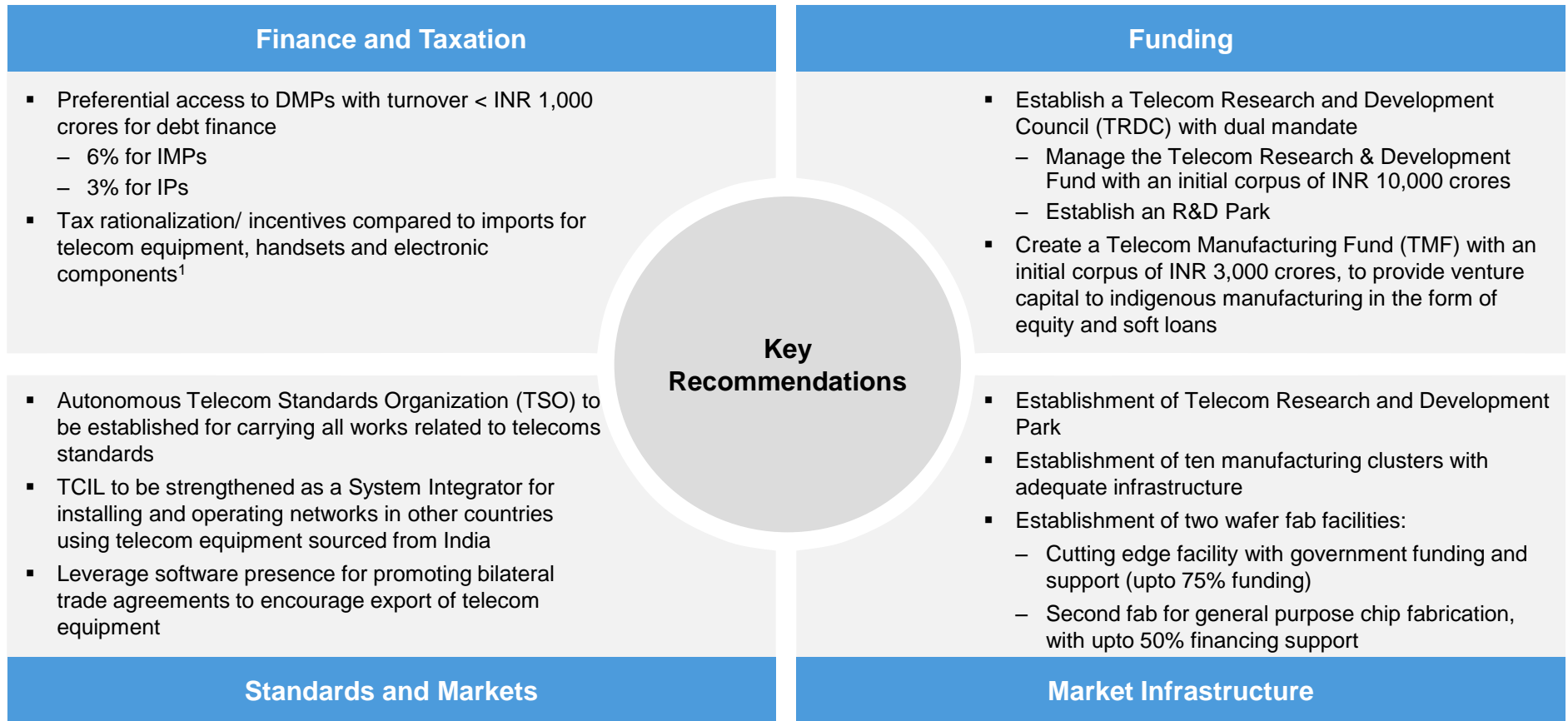


Note: LVAP refers to Low value Added Products, where the value added is below the stipulated percentage; Value addition refers to the value of the inputs or bill of material sourced within the country and the value of IPR (TRAI) and value of domestic BOM per DIT  
Source: TRAI, Booz & Company analysis

# Draft TRAI recommendations also include finance, taxation, funding and infrastructure

**NOT EXHAUSTIVE**

## Summary of Key Recommendations



1) Includes total incidence of excise and VAT to be limited to 12%; No CST on domestic manufacture/ 2% CVD on imports; Income tax holiday and no MAT for 10 years; deferment of Excise/ Sales tax/ VAT/ GST for 5 years at nominal interest rates; for DMPs with < INR 1,000 crores turnover; Exemption from CVD/ excise for capital equipment

Source: TRAI, Booz & Company analysis

# Current TRAI recommendations conflate innovation, manufacturing and security, which are best dealt separately

## Ecosystem Requirements

Innovation vs. Manufacturing

### Innovation

### Manufacturing



Human Capital

- Highly qualified research teams
- Education system geared to support innovation



- Large low-medium skilled labour force
- Vocational training institutes



Infrastructure

- Strong environment for sharing of ideas- globally competitive university network



- Physical – power, water, land etc.
- Supplier network



Funding

- Sustained funding in high risk venture
- Elicit private participation



- High initial capital investment
- Easier to involve private firms



Regulations

- Strengthen IP laws
- Get recognized as having strong IP protection – evidenced by action

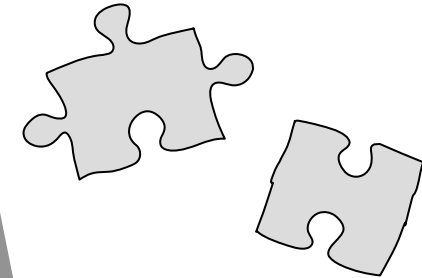


- Friendly policies & easy approval process
- Establish perception of being favourable for manufacturing



Time to Market ● Long ○ Near-term

*Current policy conflates innovation and manufacturing; sets concurrent targets*



*Need to be separate - difference in inherent nature; longer lead time for innovation compared to manufacturing*



**Security needs to be addressed separately and comprehensively – local innovation & manufacturing do not ensure security**





# Our work on policy analysis has drawn on extensive interviews with government, industry and academia

Conducted interviews to engage 90% of all stakeholder types across manufacturing ecosystem

## Interview Sources For Perspective Mapping on Policy

### Primary Interviews

Government	Industry	Academia
 <p><b>Planning Commission</b> Government of India</p> <p><b>Government of India</b> Ministry Of Communications &amp; Information Technology <b>Department of Telecommunications</b></p> <p>Department of Information Technology Ministry of Communications &amp; IT Government of India</p> <p><b>NATIONAL MANUFACTURING COMPETITIVENESS COUNCIL</b> Govt. of India</p>	<p><b>Domestic Equipment Manufacturers</b></p> <p><b>Global Equipment Manufacturers</b></p> <p><b>Operators</b></p> <p><b>Industry Associations</b></p>	 <p><b>Booz SME Network</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Experts in global manufacturing clusters</li> <li>▪ Experts in innovation networks</li> <li>▪ Labor law experts</li> <li>▪ Telecom technology experts</li> </ul>

### Other Sources of Inputs

**Booz IC**



**Booz Proprietary Models**



**Secondary Data**



Source: Booz & Company analysis

# While Government can aspire to achieve its multivariate objectives, resulting policy should ensure key design imperatives

## Multivariate Objective led Policy

From our interactions with the Government, four objectives and select design considerations have come to the fore

- “Ensure network security and stability”
- Ensure network integrity and prevent external attacks

**Preserving  
National  
Security**

**Generating  
Employment**

- “Seek to promote job intensive activities”
- Provide incentives to promote manufacturing and build skilled workforce for innovation

- “Look to keep import bill in check”
- Establish self-balancing mechanism by promoting exports

**Ensuring  
Balance of  
Trade**

**Fostering  
Innovation**

- “Encourage product innovation and IP registration to help accrue profits”
- Fund R&D, create innovation networks and strengthen IP laws

### Key Design Imperatives

**Transparent and  
Non-subversible**

**Implementable**

**Relevant Over  
Long Time-  
period**

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**Market Overview and Key Challenges**

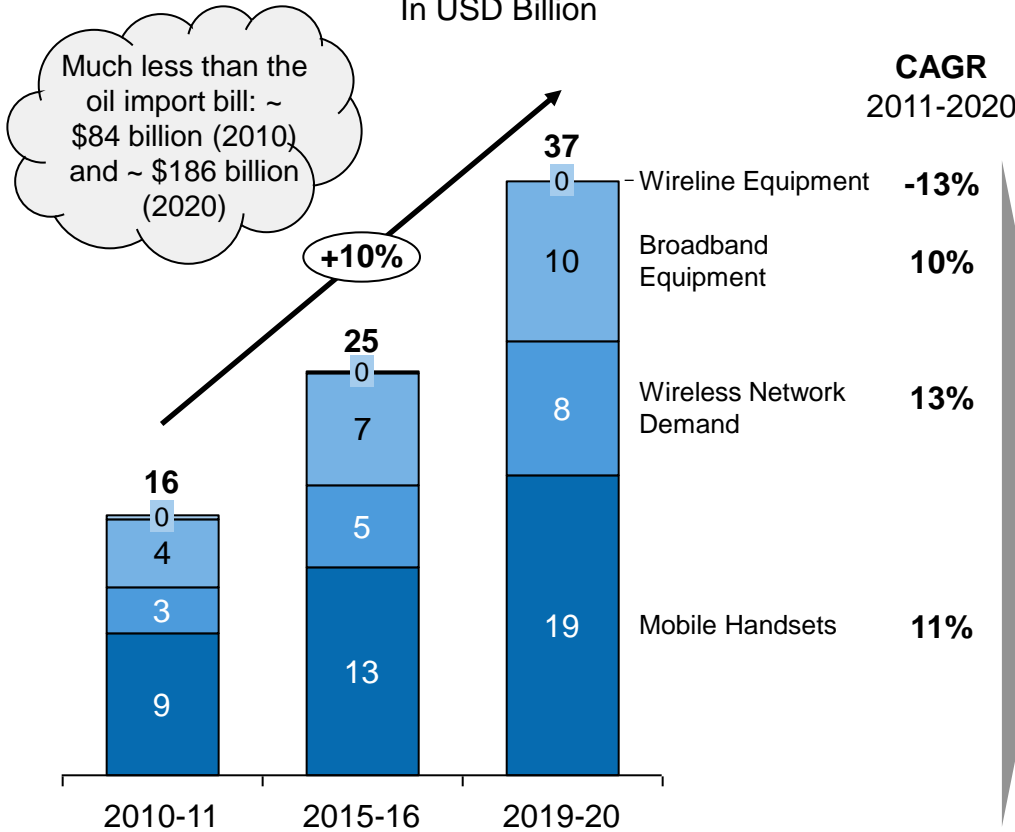
Manufacturing Ecosystem Imperatives

Stakeholder Considerations

# The Indian telecom equipment market is expected to grow at ~10% between 2011-20 to reach ~USD 37 billion by 2020

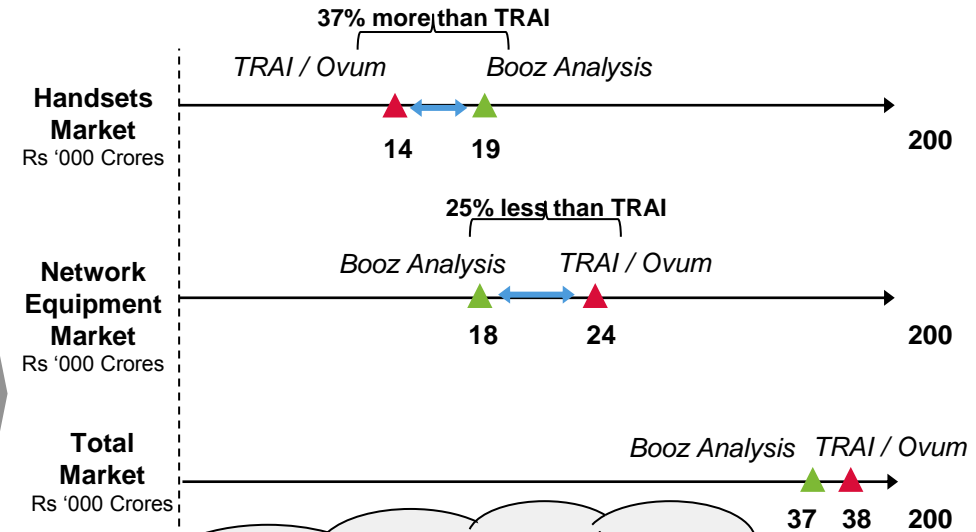
## India Telecom Equipment Market <sup>1</sup>

In USD Billion



## Market Demand Estimation Comparison

In USD Billion, 2020 Forecasts

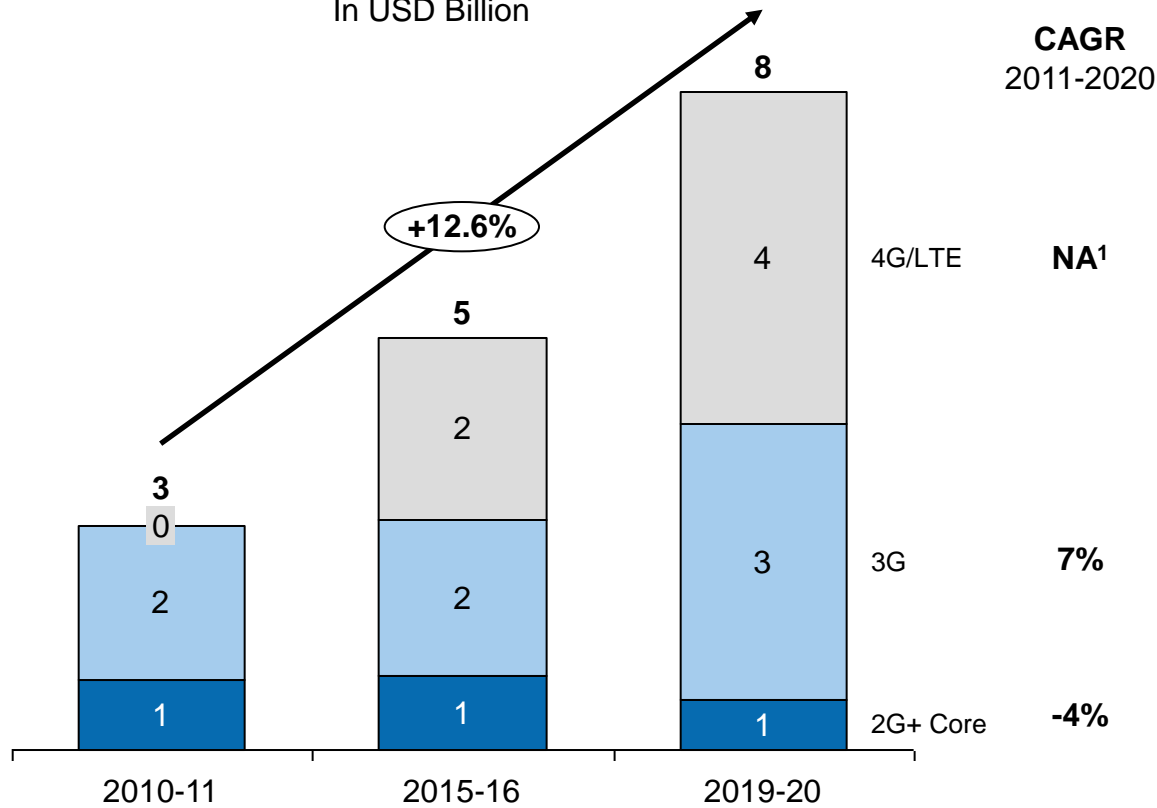


Telecom sector report for 12<sup>th</sup> 5 year plan has projected total market for telecom equipment to be ~ \$38 billion (based on TRAI numbers), including market of ~ \$24 billion for network equipment

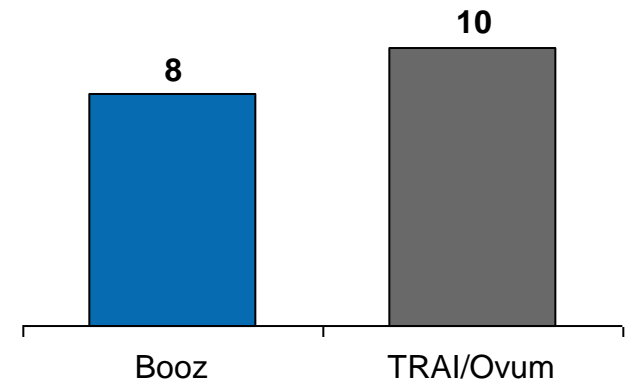
1) Does not include end user equipment; Broadband equipment includes xDSL and FTTx etc. related wire line broadband equipment demand; Wireless network includes mobile operator demands  
 Note: Telecom equipment demand forecasts are based on Booz and company proprietary models  
 Source: World Energy Outlook, TRAI, Ovum, Booz & Company analysis

# The wireless equipment demand is expected to grow at 12.6%, primarily driven by newer technology equipment

**India Wireless Equipment Market**  
In USD Billion



**Market Demand Estimation Comparison**  
In USD Billion, 2020 Forecasts



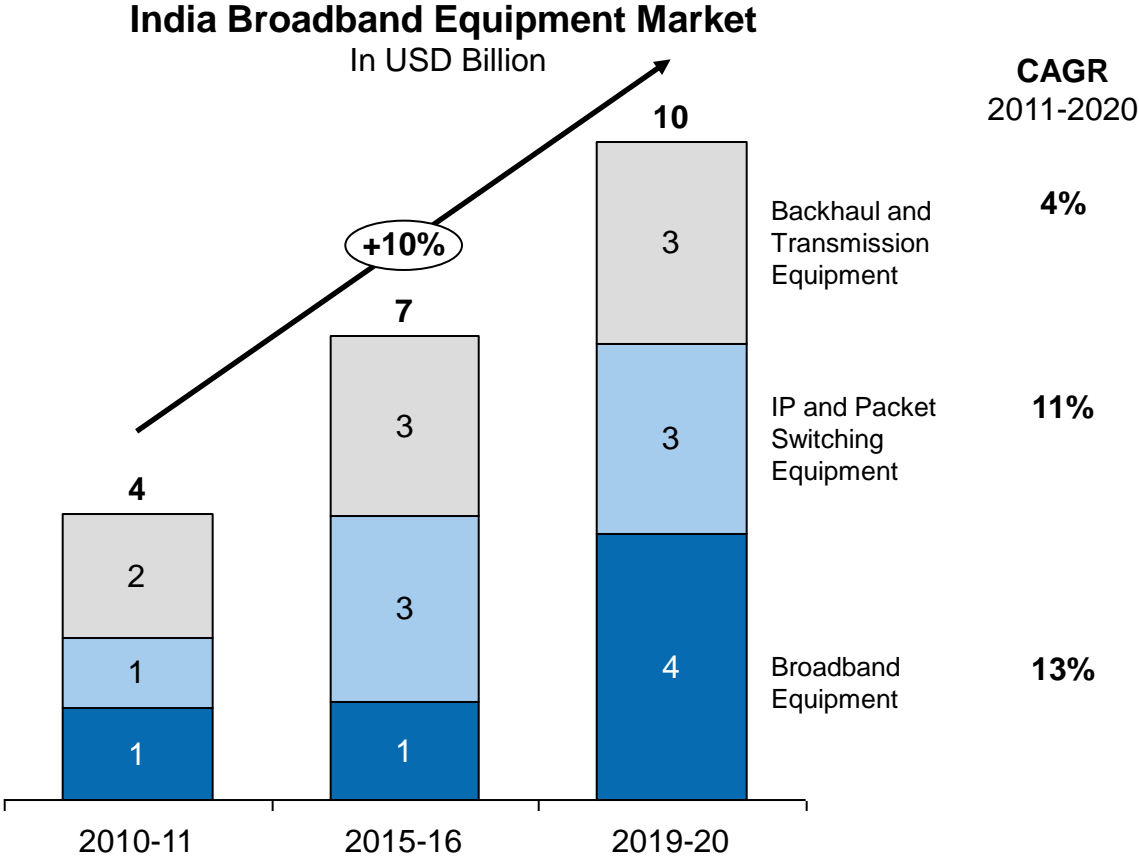
Demand for network equipment servicing 4G/LTE technologies is expected to comprise ~50% of market by 2020

1) 4G/LTE network rollouts are expected to begin 2015-16 and so equipment demand for 2010-11 was negligible

Note: Telecom equipment demand includes telecom active equipment and excludes handsets

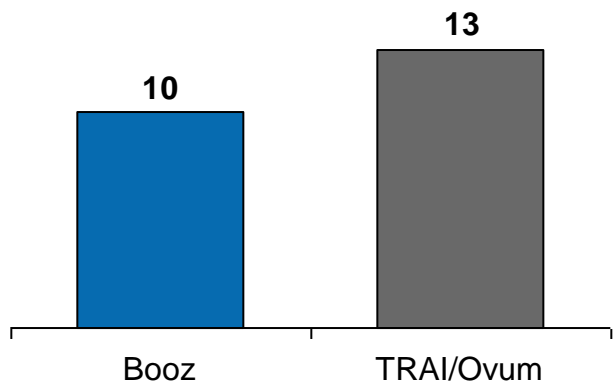
Source: TRAI, Ovum, Booz & Company analysis

# Broadband equipment market demand is expected to grow by ~10% to reach ~USD 10 billion by 2020



### Market Demand Estimation Comparison

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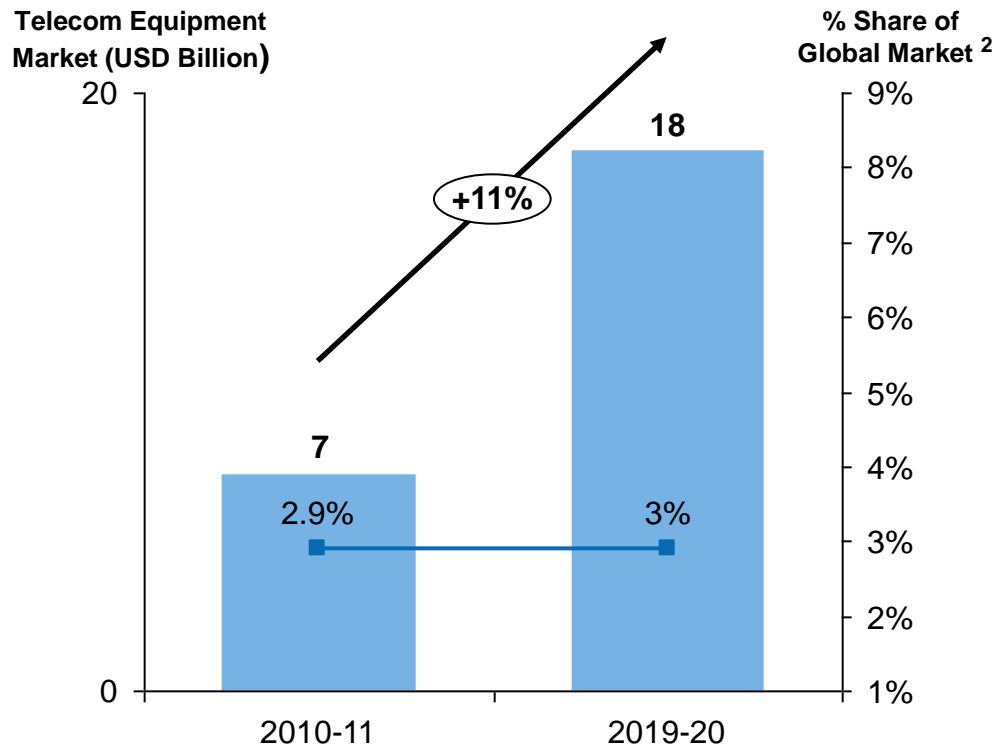
Broadband equipment demand in this analysis includes xDSL and FTTx etc. related wire line broadband equipment demand

Source: TRAI, Ovum, Booz & Company analysis



# Despite strong forecasted growth, Indian market will be a small fraction of global demand

**India Telecom Equipment Market (Excluding Handsets <sup>1</sup>)**



Indian telecom equipment market will not offer scale needed by local manufacturers to be globally competitive

Demand for Telecom Equipment-2011			
Country	Market	Share of Global	% of GDP
USA	\$47 Bn	18%	0.32%
China	\$30 Bn	11%	0.51%
Brazil	\$12 Bn	5%	0.43%
France	\$8 Bn	3.3%	0.34%
India	\$7 Bn	3%	0.57%

Note: Task force report on IT&ITEs hardware estimates telecom products and equipment's to be USD 154 billion by 2020  
 1) The global handsets market was valued at \$263 billion in 2010 with 1.4 billion units sold which would give India a share of 3% by value and 12.5% by volume  
 2) Global equipment market is as reported by TRAI at \$260 billion in 2010 which gives India a 2.9% share in 2010 and \$510 billion by 2020 which would keep India's share at 3% in 2020.  
 Source: Bloomberg, Datamonitor, TRAI, Ovum, Booz & Company analysis



# Recent Gazette notification stipulates Preferential Market Access for government procurement and on security concerns

## Analysis of Gazette DIT Notification: 15 February 2012

	Relevant Clause(s)	Provisions	Concerns
<b>Scope</b> Ex 3 of notification specifically mentions Telecom licensees	<p>“...Electronic products having security implications and agencies deploying them ...” CI 2.2.1            “...also applicable for procurement of electronic hardware as a service from managed Service providers”...CI 2.2.4</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Procurement on security implications for country clause being notified by concerned ministry/ ies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Different ministries may come with differing requirements</li> </ul>
<b>Coverage</b>	<p>“...percentage of procurement to be made from domestically manufactured electronic product or products but it shall not be less than 30% of the total procurement value of that electronic product or products- Para 2.2.3.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mandates floor of 30% for procurement of domestically manufactured electronic products</li> <li>Extends to electronic hardware procurement by MSPs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does not specify if 30% mandate applies to each operator for each individual transaction</li> <li>For managed services, unclear how 30% coverage would be calculated</li> </ul>
<b>Administration: Value Addition</b>	<p>These electronic products shall meet the following graded domestic value-addition in terms of Bill of Material (BOM) from domestic manufacturers-Para 2.3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Percentage of value add in terms of BOM from domestic manufacturers starting 25% in year 1 and goes up to 45% in year 5</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does not define role of domestic manufacturer that supplies components – could lead to a label change regime</li> </ul>
<b>Administration: Compliance</b>	<p>Individual Departments/ Ministries may provide for suitable incentives/disincentives for compliance under the policy- Para 5.3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Through suitable self certification system for domestic value addition by vendor</li> <li>Checks to be provided by STQC</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consistency of interpretation</li> <li>Does not describe recourse if no Domestically Manufactured products are available</li> </ul>



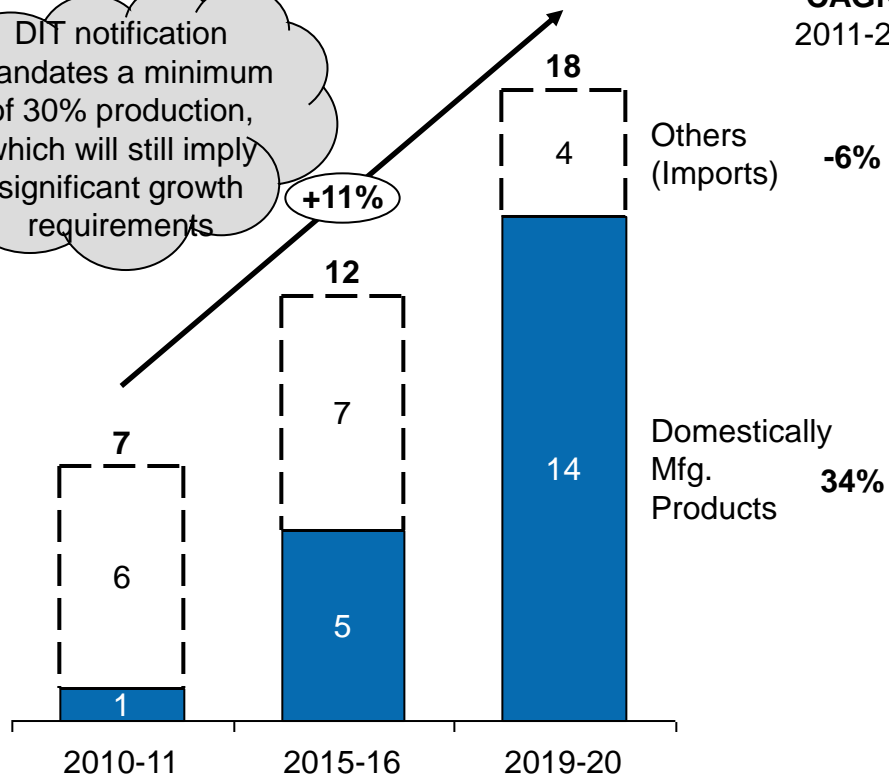
# PMA mandate to source 80% locally may be challenging; requires unprecedented expansion of domestic production capacity...

## India Telecom Equipment Market Demand

In USD Billions

CAGR  
2011-20

DIT notification mandates a minimum of 30% production, which will still imply significant growth requirements



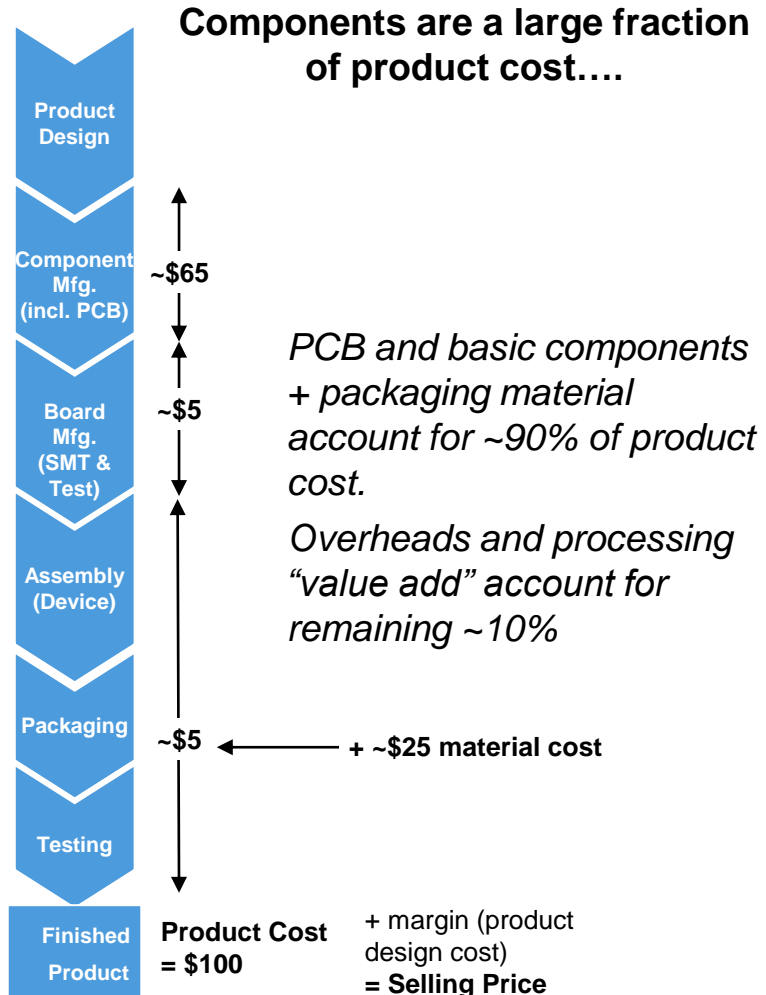
### Key Points: 2011-15 Scenario

- Domestically Manufactured Products (DMP) would have to grow by ~40% in the next five years to meet PMA provisions
- Indian Products (IP) are estimated to be currently ~Rs 0.9 K crores by value. As per policy provisions this must be increased to ~14K crores by 2015 requiring a CAGR of 102%
- Meeting these targets would require substantial existing infrastructure on the ground to support manufacturing and innovation

Note: TRAI estimates the percentage of domestic demand being met through exports as being 12.3% in 2010. Indian Products were estimated by TRAI to be 2-3% of total demand.

Source: TRAI, Ovum, Booz & Company analysis

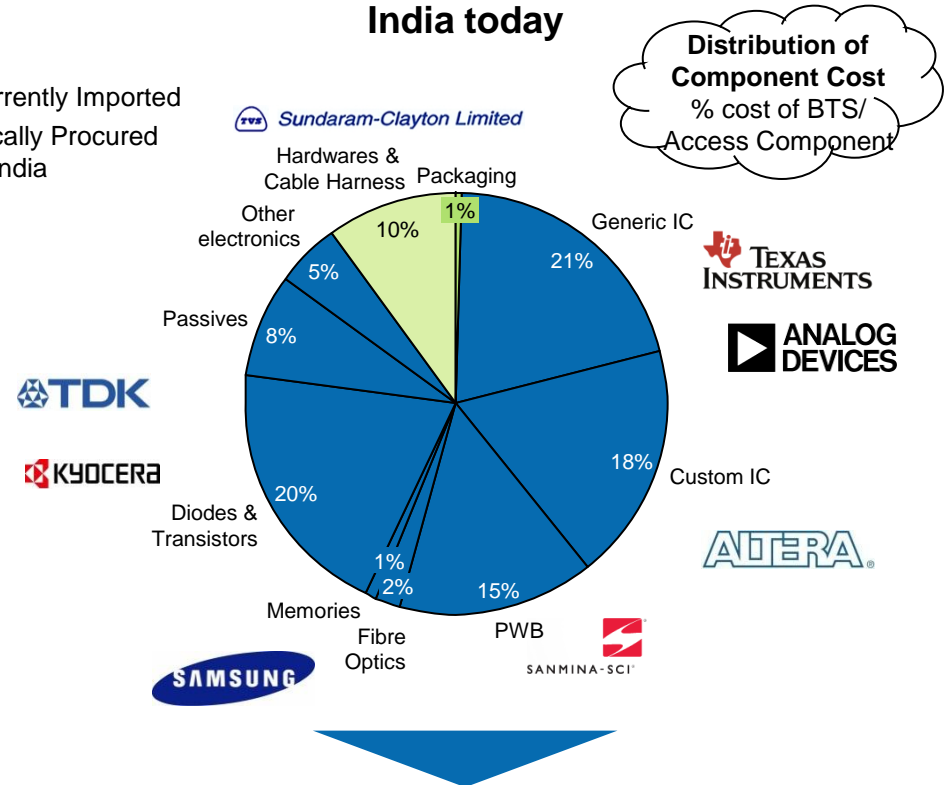
# ... especially given that currently a manufacturer imports ~90% of the product cost



## ... but very few are made in India today

**EXAMPLE**

■ Currently Imported  
 ■ Locally Procured In India

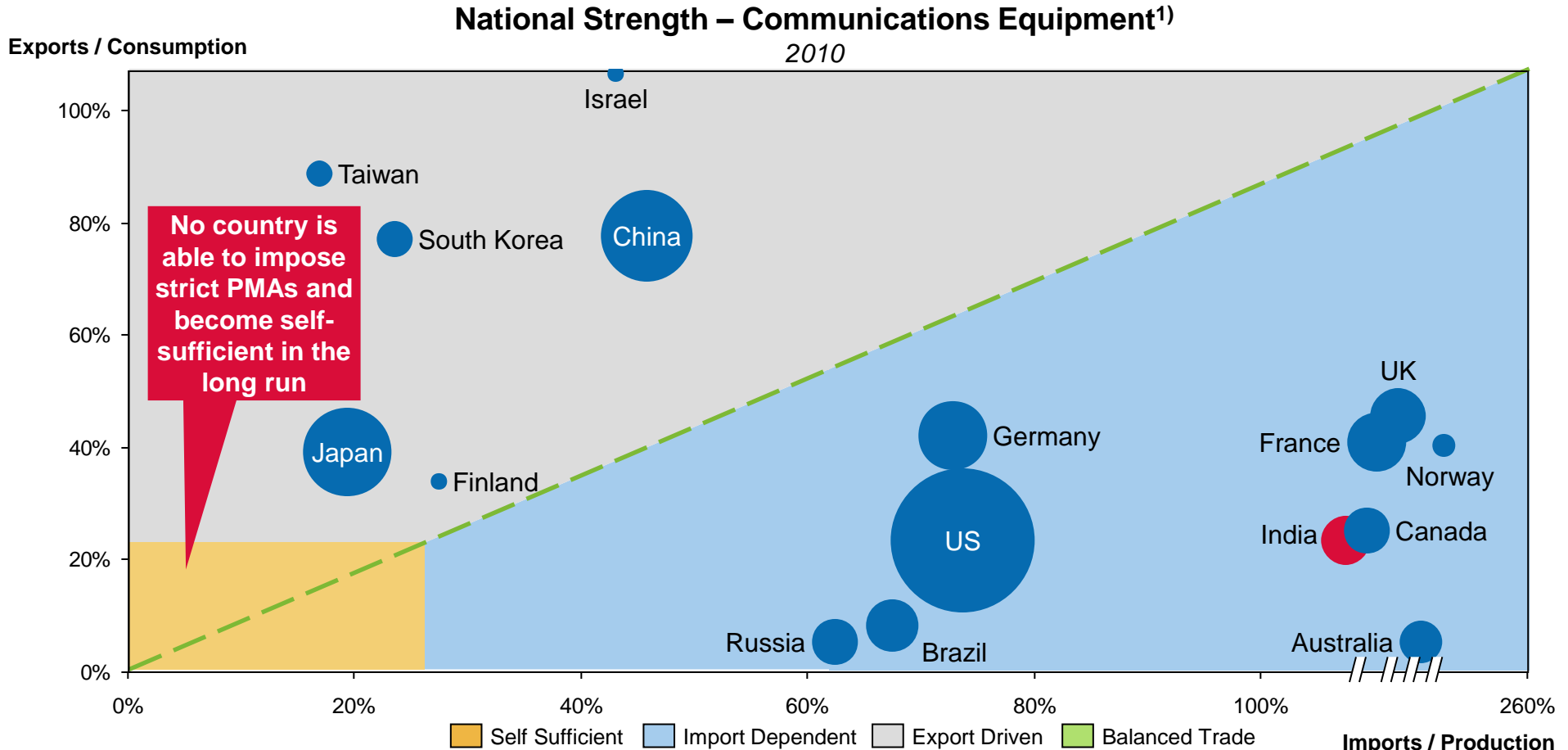


*In order to go beyond ~20% value addition, India needs clusters encompassing multi-layered PCB boards, ATMP for custom IC, special purpose active and passive electronic components*

Source: Interviews, Booz & Company analysis



# No country is wholly self-sufficient, necessitating India to unavoidably plug into the global supply chain



1) ISIC Rev 3, Communication Equipment (D32): Manufacture of radio, television and communication equipment and apparatus. Includes electronic valves and tubes and other electronic components; television and radio transmitters and apparatus for line telephony and line telegraphy; and television and radio receivers, sound or video recording or reproducing apparatus, and associated goods

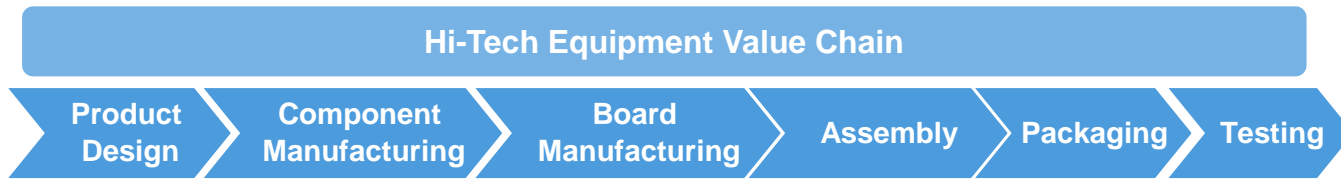
Note: Bubble Size represents GDP

Source: Global Insight and Booz & Company analysis

# Furthermore, it will mandate an impractical objective of building an end-to-end play across the value chain

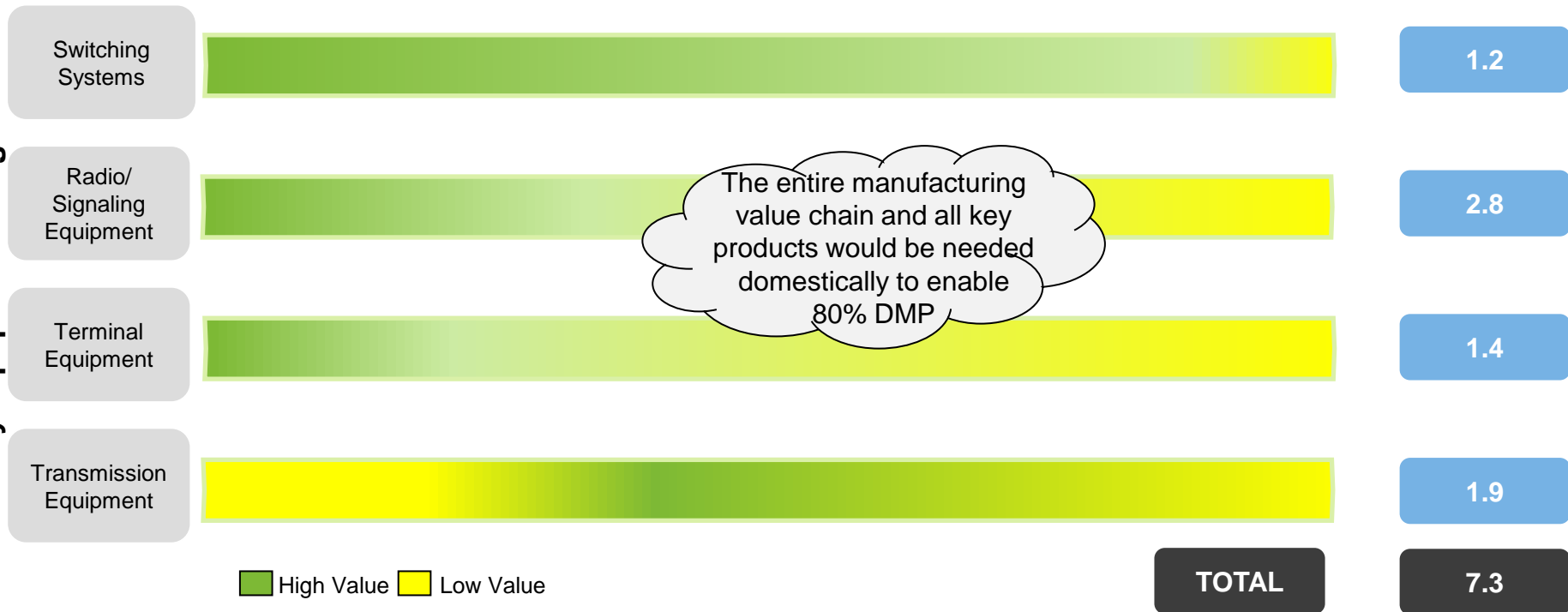
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## Manufacturing Value Chain



**Value**  
In USD Billion 2010-11

Key Equipment Categories



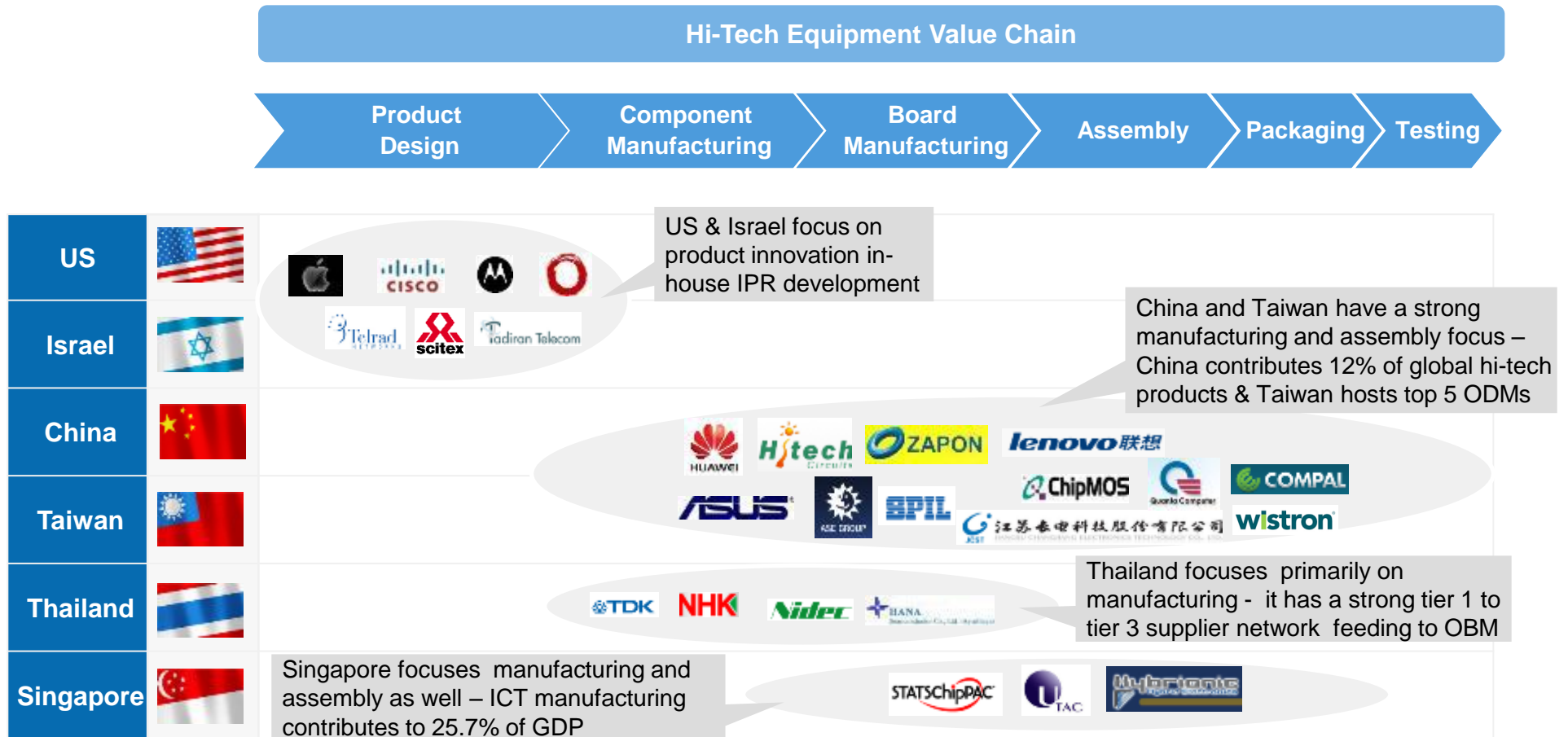
Note: Servers are included as part of Switching Systems and Radio/ Signaling Equipment  
Source: Booz & Company analysis



# End-to-end value chain play is infeasible - successful countries have developed expertise in select areas ...

## Global Leaders Across Value Chain

DOMESTIC PLAYERS

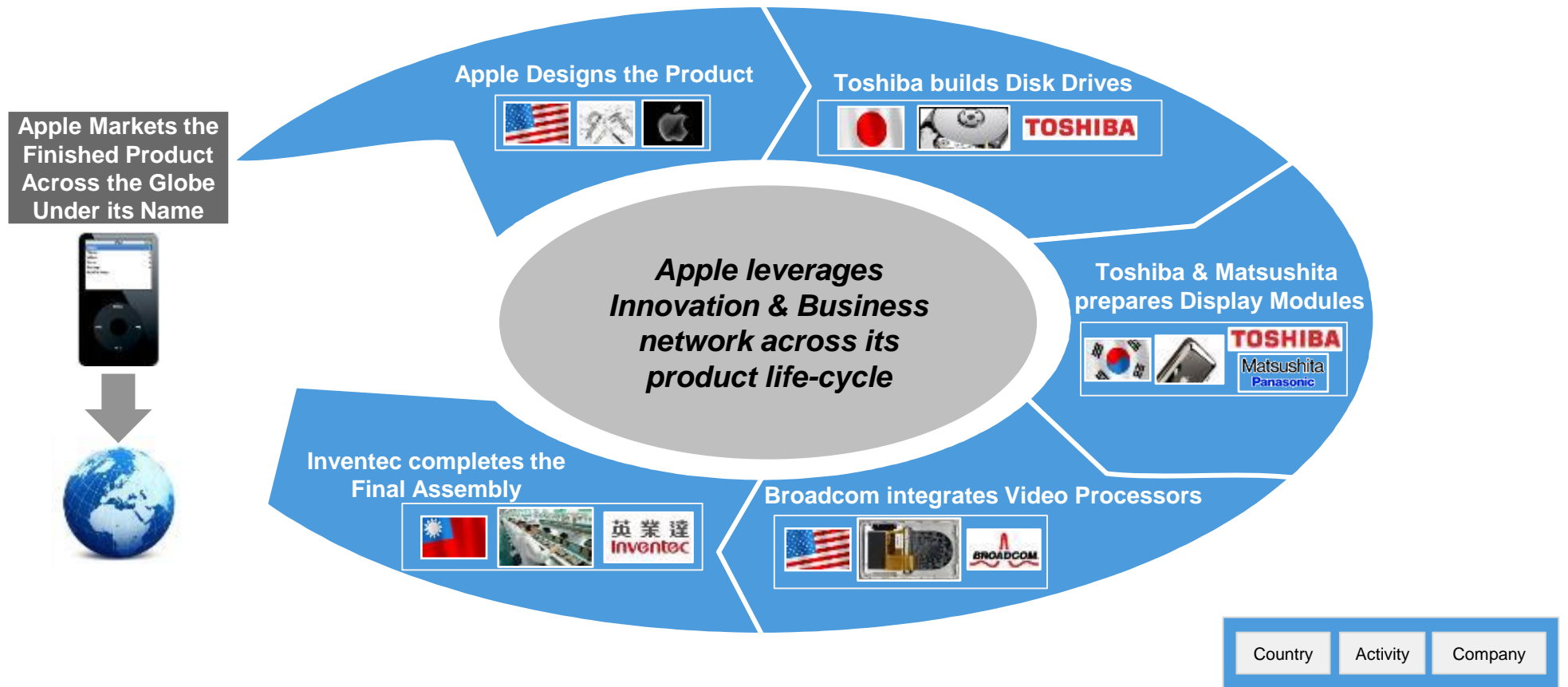


Source: Booz & Company analysis

# ... and then plugged into the global supply chain to seamlessly support the global hi-tech industry

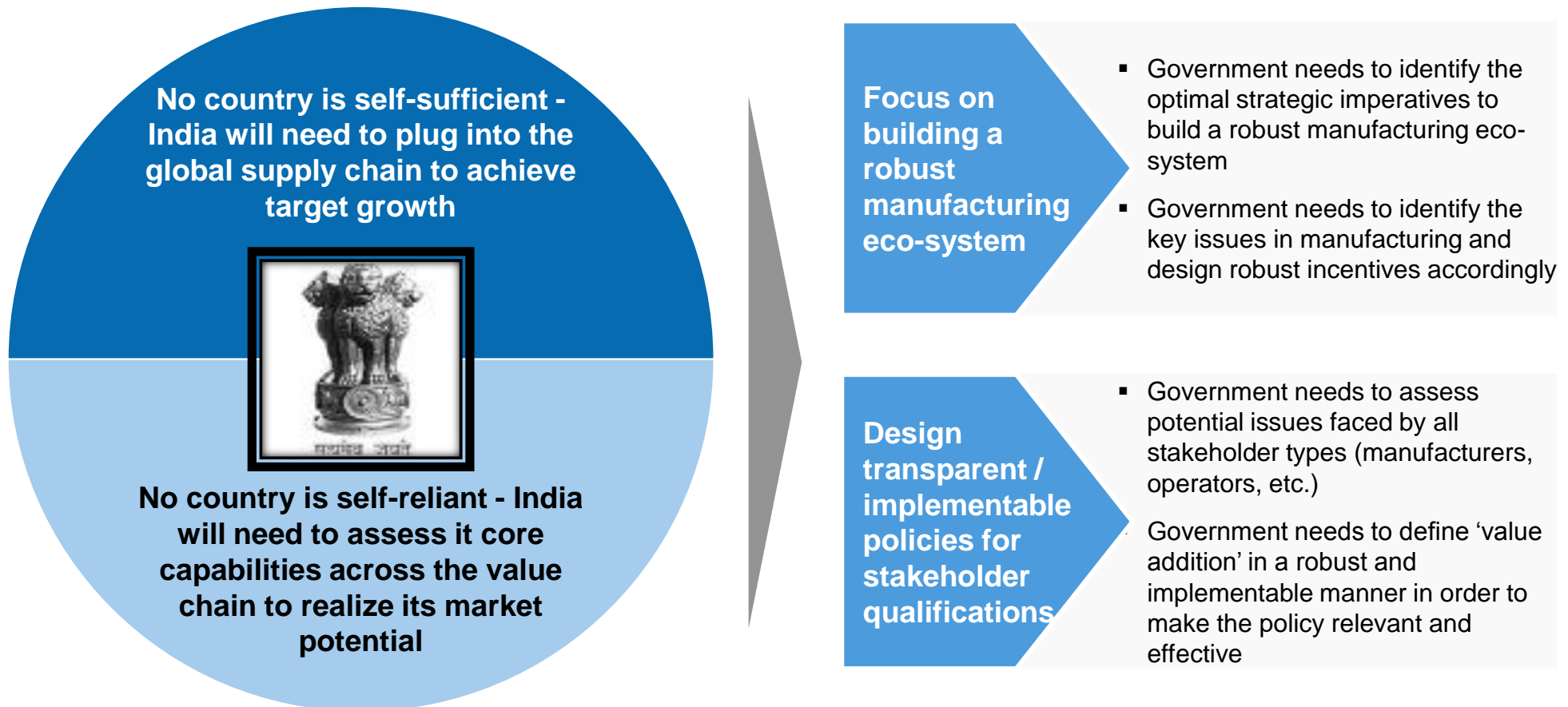
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## 30 GB iPod Value Chain Innovation & Business Networking



Source: Booz & Company analysis

# In summary, current manufacturing target present significant challenges – Government needs to set up water tight initiatives



Source: Booz & Company analysis

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# Kick starting domestic manufacturing calls for developing specialized telecom clusters with anchor and synergistic tenants

## Cluster Participants

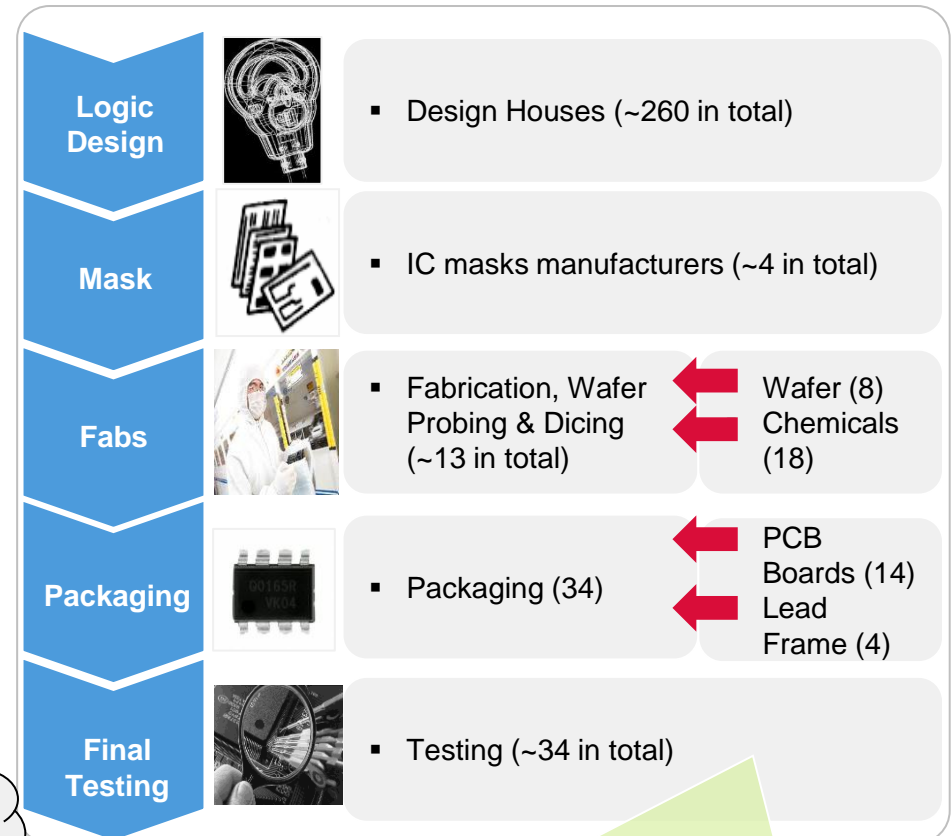
Element	Rationale
<b>Anchor Tenants</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Large tenants are established to provide critical mass for other tenants as either one of their primary buyers (i.e. OEMs for Auto Cluster) or suppliers (i.e. smelters for Metals Cluster)</li> <li>Product can be for both inside or outside the cluster</li> </ul>
<b>Synergistic Tenants</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Synergistic tenants are ones whose proximity to the anchor are critical for cluster's success                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>e.g. Auto, synergy results from optimizing of logistics flows and reduction in inventory</li> <li>e.. Petrochem, synergy yielded from thermal integration and optimization of side streams</li> </ul> </li> <li>On-site presence not as critical if a robust logistics system in place allows for "virtual" proximity</li> </ul>
<b>Optional Tenants</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Optional tenants may be synergistic but their presence is not critical for the cluster's success</li> </ul>

"A cluster is a **geographically proximate group of inter-connected companies and associated institutions** in a particular field, **linked by commonalities and complementarities**"

Proposed by  
TRAI in  
Sec.2.93



## Specialized Cluster in Taiwan IC Cluster



- Highly integrated value chain with synergy of cluster
- Well developed supporting services
- Agile and fast-responding supply network

# Government needs to adopt a comprehensive strategy for cluster development, including infrastructural, fiscal and legal initiatives

PRELIMINARY

## Cluster Development Conditions

Factor Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Availability of inputs for competitive manufacturing</li> </ul>
Demand Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Easy access to local and global markets</li> </ul>
Context for Firm Strategy and Rivalry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Promotion of healthy competition via ownership and business policies</li> </ul>
Related & Supporting Industries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Prevalence of ancillary industries required for manufacturing</li> </ul>

## Government Role

1 Infrastructure	2 Fiscal	3 Legal
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Provide access to                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Power (energy)</li> <li>▪ Transportation</li> <li>▪ Skilled labor for hi-tech manufacturing</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Offer time bound incentive to overcome logistics/ freight costs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Build regime with favorable labor laws amenable to employer and employee</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Promote export via zones aligned for this purpose</li> </ul>	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ensure certainty in policies</li> <li>▪ Streamline approval process (especially environmental clearances)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Access to sufficient technology infrastructure (testing facilities etc.)</li> <li>▪ Proliferation of component supply base</li> </ul>		

Source: Booz & Company analysis





# Current infrastructure is a significant roadblock for manufacturing activities - strong initiatives are key to develop clusters

Infrastructural	Key Issues	Recommendations
Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High tech manufacturing needs uninterrupted and assured power supply</li> <li>Power supply is in-consistent and in short supply.</li> <li>Current cost of power to industry does not provide any distinct manufacturing advantages</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In Section 2.93/94, TRAI recognizes need for developing infrastructure</li> <li>However, regarding power generation for telecom manufacturing, DoT can work with Ministry of Power to set-up dedicated generation facility for clusters</li> </ul>
Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Need improved ports, road network and warehousing capabilities to build capacity for future</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">China plugs in 9% of GDP into public works compared to 4% in India</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prioritize road and transport network development in areas marked for clusters catering to telecom manufacturing</li> <li>Invite logistics firms as synergistic and optional tenants to set-up base in ear-marked clusters</li> </ul>
Hi-Tech Manufacturing Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requires adequately trained manpower to meet basic manufacturing and plant management needs</li> <li>Currently low cost yet skilled labor for hi-tech manufacturing is in short supply; can be augmented</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In Section 2.78, TRAI recognizes need for skilled manpower and recommends training institutes for on-demand training</li> <li>Suggest that these institutes can be co-located in/near clusters with telecom specific training (similar to NMP plan to set up ITIs in NMIZs)</li> <li>Can establish with foreign investment and partnerships</li> </ul>
Technology Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requires good primary and secondary component supplier base</li> <li>Need centralized testing and certification agencies</li> <li>Good to have additional support services like prototyping, shared infrastructure etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TRAI (Section 2.93) recommends setting up of clusters for component development – industry supports this.</li> <li>In Section 2.5, TRAI recommends setting up a standard Test and Certification Agency.. However, need to establish certification centers in each cluster</li> <li>Can provide capital support for development of ancillary industries like prototyping etc.</li> </ul>

Source: Interviews, TRAI, Booz & Company analysis

# Infrastructural disabilities lead to cost disadvantages; Government can incentivize manufacturing via lower duties and special credits

## Impact of Disabilities on Cost Structure %

Cost Account	 India	 China	Comments
Raw Material Cost	85	85	▪ Assume CST waiver
Raw Material Freight Costs	3	1.2	▪ Difference arises from absence of component supply base
Labor	2	2	▪ Similar labor costs due to lower wages in India offset by lower productivity
Power and Overheads	10	7	▪ Higher power costs and uncertain supply in India
Total Cost	100	95.2	▪ ~5% cost differential

Note: Assume power costs contribute to 5% of overall costs. Assume other overhead costs are same between India and China  
Source: Interviews, DIT Task Force, Study, Booz & Company analysis

### Key Issues: Duties

- Application of CST/ State VAT renders domestic manufacturing uncompetitive as State VAT (2-12%) is often greater than Special Additional Duty
- Underdevelopment of domestic supplier base and infrastructural handicap translate to higher cost structures for domestic manufacturers

### Recommendations

- Institute scheme to offset infrastructural and freight disabilities, as also state VAT rates:
  - Devise scheme similar to Focus Products Scheme to include all telecom equipment and components manufacturing locally in line with DIT requirements
  - Offer Duty Credit Scrip as fixed % of exports and DTA sales for fixed period (5 years)
  - Allow for Credit Scrips to used against excise payments

# The Government needs to harmonize fiscal regulations across manufacturers and modify the current refund system

## Un-harmonized Regulations



### Key Issues

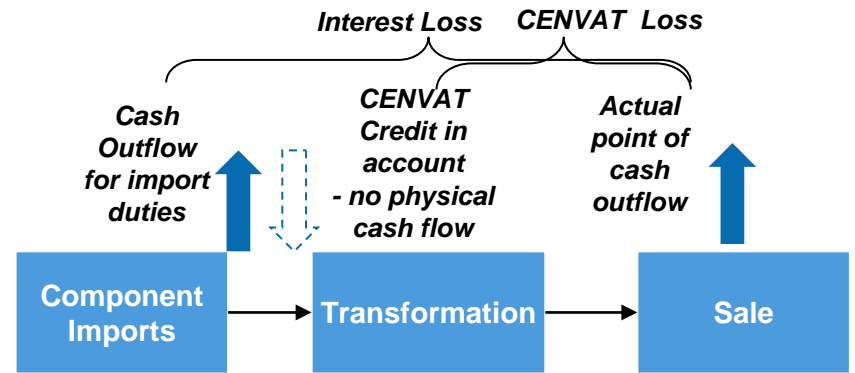
- Current regulations do not recognize intra-SEZ sale as foreign exchange earning transaction
- Precludes development of component ecosystem as they grapple meeting Net Foreign Exchange requirements at SEZ

### Government Imperatives

*Export benefits need to propagate to component manufacturers within manufacturing zone*

PRELIMINARY

## Induced Cash-flow Issues



- Interest loss due to difference in time between cash outflow for import duties and taxes and point of reconciliation and refunds after product sale
- Unpredictability in refund amount
- Non-accrual of balance CENVAT credit

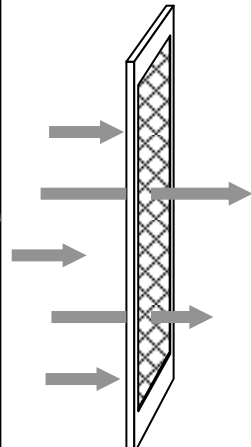
*Streamline process for obtaining refunds and CENVAT credit accrual*

# Current recommendations do not impact labor laws – critical to modify restrictions clauses in order to develop effective clusters

Concerns	Problem Areas	Relevant Laws and Chapters
<p><b>Flexibility to Scale Production Based on Demand Fluctuations</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Telecom equipment industry considered to highly seasonal with fluctuations in demand which can vary significantly based on available projects at any given time</li> <li>▪ Existing manufacturers restricted by lack of flexibility on labor force employment that would enable them to optimize workforce to meet demand</li> <li>▪ Contract labor gaining precedence in the market in a bid to bring in this flexibility</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>i</b> Section 25M of Industrial Disputes Act of 1947 that covers the provisions regarding prohibition of lay-offs for factory workers</li> <li><b>ii</b> Section 25G lays down the procedure for retrenchment and imposes the “last-come-first-go” principle which restricts the employers intention to keep the best workers</li> </ul>
<p><b>Provisions and Conditions Regarding Employment of Labor</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Provisions relating to number of permissible hours of work for during a day or week</li> <li>▪ Restrictions on overtime and payments deemed necessary to compensate for overtime</li> </ul> <div data-bbox="783 996 1210 1168" style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; text-align: center; margin: 10px auto; width: fit-content;"> <p>We do not envisage any required dilution on OSHA and right to association.</p> </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>iii</b> Section 51 of the Factories Act 1948, covering the maximum number of permissible hours for factory workers in week</li> <li><b>iv</b> Section 54 of the Factories Act 1948, covering the maximum number of permissible hours for factory workers in day</li> <li><b>v</b> Section 64 of the Factories Act 1948, covering the maximum number of working hours (including overtime) permissible under state amendments</li> </ul>

# Section 25M of IDA 1947 restricts manufacturers from optimizing workforce hiring to meet demand fluctuations

## Section 25M of IDA 1947: Clauses and Amendments

Industrial Disputes Act: Section 25M	Currently IDA contains 27 different forms pertaining to disputes that may arise from the Act	Amendments Proposed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Covers restrictions on lay offs of factory workers</li> </ul> <p>No workman (other than a badli workman or a casual workman) whose name is borne on the muster rolls of an industrial establishment to which this Chapter applies shall be laid- off by his employer except 1[ with the prior permission of the appropriate Government or such authority as may be specified by that Government by notification in the Official Gazette (hereinafter in this section referred to as the specified authority), obtained on an application made in this behalf, unless such lay- off is due to shortage of power or to natural calamity, and in the case of a mine, such lay- off is due also to fire, flood, excess of inflammable gas or explosion]. - <b>Section 25M , Sub-Section 1</b></p> <p>Where the workman (other than badli workmen or casual workmen) of an industrial establishment, being a mine, have been laid- off under sub-section (1) for reasons of fire, flood or excess of inflammable gas or explosion, the employer, in relation to such establishment, shall, within a period of thirty days from the date of commencement of such lay- off, apply, in the prescribed manner, to the appropriate Government or the specified authority for permission to continue the lay- off- <b>Section 25M , Sub-Section3</b></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sub-Section 1 needs to be modified to allow:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No quantitative restrictions on hire and layoff – across any category of employment- subject to appropriate contributions to the social security and other contributions</li> </ul> </li> <li>Sub-section 3 creates a bureaucratic process and delays even in case of lay-off being due to reasons prescribed in sub-section 1</li> </ul>

Source: Booz & Company analysis

# Section 25G of IDA 1947 allows for legal action against layoffs; dispute may be filed for any reason other than time of hire

## Section 25G of IDA 1947: Clauses and Amendments

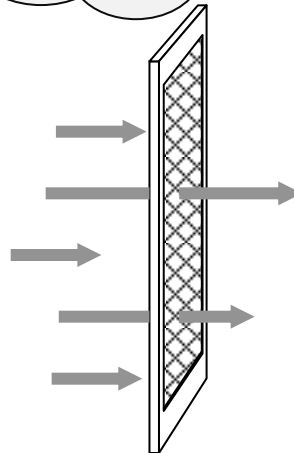
### Industrial Disputes Act: Section 25G

- Covers procedures in case of retrenchment of workers of factory workers in the

Where any workman in an industrial establishment, who is a citizen of India, is to be retrenched and he belongs to a particular category of workmen in that establishment, in the absence of any agreement between the employer and the workman in this behalf, the employer shall ordinarily retrench the workman who was the last person to be employed in that category, unless for reasons to be recorded the employer retrenches any other workman

**- Section 25G**

Any departure from the principle of the clause requires prior agreements between employer and worker



### Amendments Proposed

- This clause of the IDA allows for legal disputes since employer is bound to show reasons for retrenchment of any workman unless this was based on “last come first go” principle
- This clause under the IDA may be amended to allow the manufacturer to retrench without provision for dispute based on accepted criteria for determining lack of performance of a worker



# Specific provisions of the Factories Act of 1948 governing overtime and permissible working hours also needs to be re-evaluated

## Factories Act 1948: Clauses and Amendments

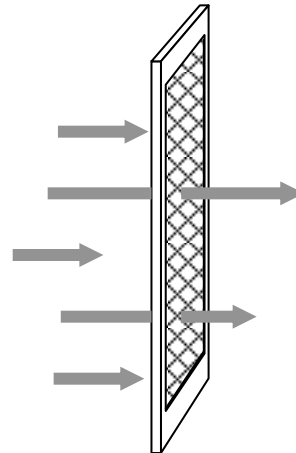
**Factories Act 1948**

- Covers provisions governing overtime and hours of employment

**Weekly Hours**  
No adult worker shall be required or allowed to work in a factory for more than forty-eight hours in any week. - **Section 51**

**Daily Hours**  
Subject to the provisions of section 51, no adult worker shall be required or allowed to work in a factory for more than nine hours in any day. - **Section 54**

**Overtime (State Legislative Provisions)**  
the total number of hours of work in a week including overtime, shall not exceed sixty;  
The total number of hours of overtime shall not exceed fifty for any one quarter  
- **Section 64**



**Amendments Proposed**

- Overtime is an opportunity for able workers to earn extra income and so limits may be amended as current provisions of fifty hours a quarter implies less than one permissible overtime hour in a day
- Weekly, daily and quarterly working hour restrictions may need to be aligned with international labour best practices e.g., 12 hours, subject to overall existing weekly caps

Mandating shorter working hours adds significantly to transport costs, especially given the poor state of the public transport infrastructure. Malaysia currently allows 12 hours a day as permissible working limit while China has more flexible overtime limits

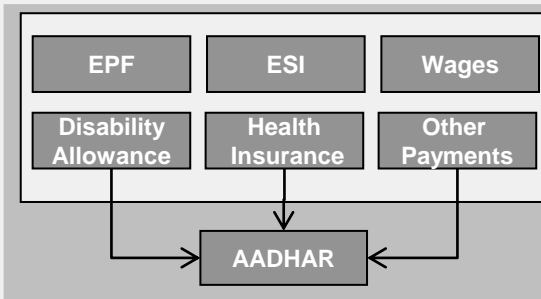
# There is a need for a comprehensive framework of labor laws that balances the needs and concerns of both employer and employee

## Key Elements of Recommendations on Labor Law Framework

PRELIMINARY

### Wages and Benefit's Provisions

- **Recommendations:** Benefits distribution has to include:
  - **Single account linkage:** Any employer, irrespective of nature of contract, must deposit contributions under all labour schemes (EPF, ESI etc.) under different sub-accounts or a single account but which are linked to single AADHAR number or account
  - **Self Declaration:** Employer and employee have to self-declare the accounts that they are paying into or receiving benefits into respectively



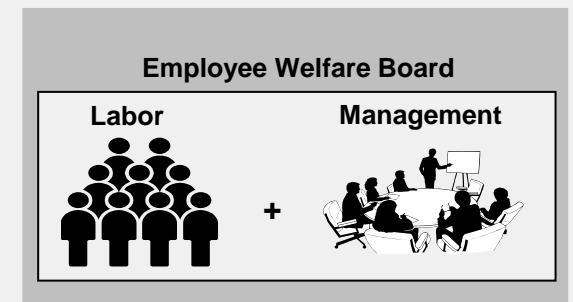
### Layoff Provisions

- **Recommendations:** Layoff provisions need to be flexible without compromising welfare
  - **Quantitative restrictions on layoffs:** No quantitative restrictions on layoffs to allow seasonality based adjustments on hiring. This is to be uniform across industries with no differentiation based on nature of contract
  - **Wages:** Wages on termination to be uniformly addressed as being equal to 15 days of wages for every year of employment with the employer, prorated over the duration of total employment

We do not recommend any dilution of the occupational safety and employee health related provisions contained within existing labor laws

### Unionization Provisions

- **Recommendations:** Rights to association should remain; however
  - **Employee Welfare Board (EWB):** Every employer should have a labour welfare board on which representatives of management and labour are present. Representations of proposed changes should be made to EWB
  - **Work Stoppage Provisions:** No work stoppage unless 70% of employees vote for this using secret ballot
  - **Wage Disputes:** Wage disputes will be effective from date referendum is passed



# Regulatory processes need to be streamlined in line with NMP; mechanics need to be detailed with additional considerations

## Key Issues

- **Complex Certification & Monitoring Process:**
  - Involvement of multiple agencies seen as a source of corruption and harassment
  - Single window clearance does not work well. Often opens to multiple windows
- **Lack of Transparency:** No clear understanding of rules and processes that need to be fulfilled
- **Long Clearance Time:** Lengthy approval process delays commencement of manufacturing

## Relevant NMP Recommendations

- **Simplified Clearances & Monitoring:**
  - Streamlined clearance procedure with official of State Pollution Control Board to be posted in zone
  - Involvement of third-party agencies to supplement Government agencies for compliance monitoring
  - Institute web-enabled process
- **Well-defined Clearance Time:** Defined timeline with respect to all clearances beyond which application shall be deemed approved
- **Plan NMIZs properly** to reduce number of clearances required

## Additional Considerations

- **Clear Definition of Roles:**
  - Need to ensure proper division of roles and responsibilities with introduction of third party agencies and online processes
  - Can afford greater autonomy to third-party agencies
  - Can institute special process for NMIZs
- **Ensure Transparency with Online Process:** Web-enabled process should target to provide greater transparency regarding approvals required, criteria to secure approval and reasons for rejection
- **Competitive Clearance Window:** Define clearance time in line with international best practices

# Guaranteed time bound incentives that are stable over the duration of the concessions are needed to attract investment

## Government Prior Incentive Rollbacks: Examples

“The Union finance ministry is mooting withdrawal of the tax incentives to manufacturing units in Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand. This will affect the bottom-line of fast moving consumer goods (FMCG) companies like Dabur, Nestle, Hindustan Unilever. If the government does away with these subsidies, industry experts say the cost of companies in these regions could increase by anywhere between 20 and 30 per cent” – **March, 2010**

“Finance minister P Chidambaram had in his Budget for 2008-09 proposed an end to the seven-year income tax holiday for refineries commissioning after April 2009. The proposal would affect all proposed new refineries except that of Reliance Petroleum Ltd”~ **2009**

### Implications and Current Plan

#### Implications

- Investor confidence needs to be built up with guarantees on length of tax incentives
- Incentive structure should allow continuation in the face of changing governments and respective policies

Central government needs detailing on current incentives to encourage companies across the value chain

	Initiatives	Description	Budget
Current Package	Tax Deferment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 5 year tax holiday to new companies</li> </ul>	Rs 3,154 Crores
	Tax Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Limiting Excise and VAT to 12%</li> </ul>	Rs 37,450 Crores
	Interest Subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 6% interest subsidy for IP and 3% for IMP</li> </ul>	Rs 22,782 Crores
TOTAL			Rs 63,386 Cr

Source: Interviews, Booz & Company analysis



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Setting the Objectives

**Promoting Manufacturing**

Fostering Innovation

Ensuring Network Security

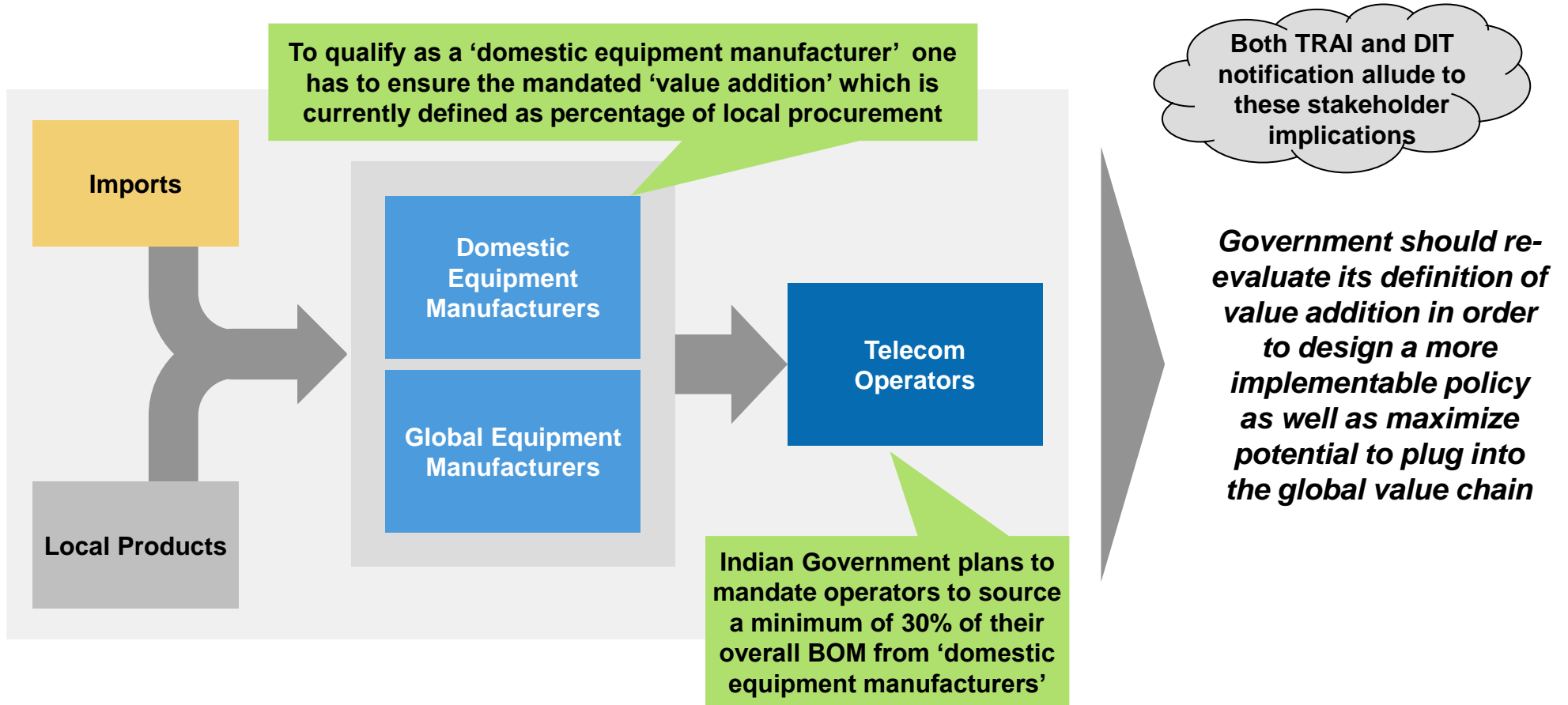
Market Overview and Key Challenges

Manufacturing Ecosystem Imperatives

**Stakeholder Considerations**

# Proposed policy puts the onus on operators to drive PMA - non-optimal definition of value addition makes the policy impractical

## Current Policy Stakeholder Implications



# Applying PMA to other than non-commercial Government and for security critical procurements will need WTO verification

## Proposed PMA Quantification TRAJ Proposal & DIT Notification

*Mandate that certain percentage (quantitative requirement) of operator / Licensee procurement arises from products meeting threshold % of local value addition with value addition defined as below*

$$\text{Value Add}^1 = \frac{\text{Local BOM}}{\text{Total BOM}} \times 100$$

**Conflict in areas of non-security critical commercial procurement**



## WTO Compliance for Commercial Procurement Relevant Clauses from GATT

**Paragraph 1:** The [Members] recognize that internal taxes and other internal charges, and laws, regulations and requirements affecting the internal sale, offering for sale, purchase, transportation, distribution or use of products, and internal quantitative regulations requiring the mixture, processing or use of products in specified amounts or proportions, should not be applied to imported or domestic products so as to afford protection to domestic production.

**Paragraph 5:** No contracting party shall establish or maintain any internal quantitative regulation relating to the mixture, processing or use of products in specified amounts or proportions which requires, directly or indirectly, that any specified amount or proportion of any product which is the subject of the regulation must be supplied from domestic sources. Moreover, no contracting party shall otherwise apply internal quantitative regulations in a manner contrary to the principles set forth in paragraph 1.\*

**Paragraph 7:** No internal quantitative regulation relating to the mixture, processing or use of products in specified amounts or proportions shall be applied in such a manner as to allocate any such amount or proportion among external sources of supply.

1) Definition of Value Add based on DIT Notification  
Source: Booz & Company analysis



# If applicable, PMA guidelines for 'value addition' should be amended to incorporate substantial transformation...

Making India a hub for substantial transformation will meet the objectives targeted by the government

## Substantial Transformation

- **Definition:** Substantial transformation is said to have occurred when the article or commodity has a new name, new character or new use compared to the inputs used to produce the article or commodity
- **Tests of Substantial Transformation:** Countries measure the degree of substantial transformation using 3 tests:
  - **Change in name** requires change in commercial designation or commercial identity of the product, which may be shown by trade literature, catalogues or brochures
  - **Change in character** requires change in physical aspects of the product such as change in physical dimensions, chemical composition or physical qualities
  - **Change in use** requires a product to be transformed into a product with a different use or a change of a product with many uses into a product with a single use
- **Advantages for India:** A substantial transformation measure will be:
  - Compliant with WTO regulations
  - Accompanied usually by significant value addition which can be used to offset the import bill

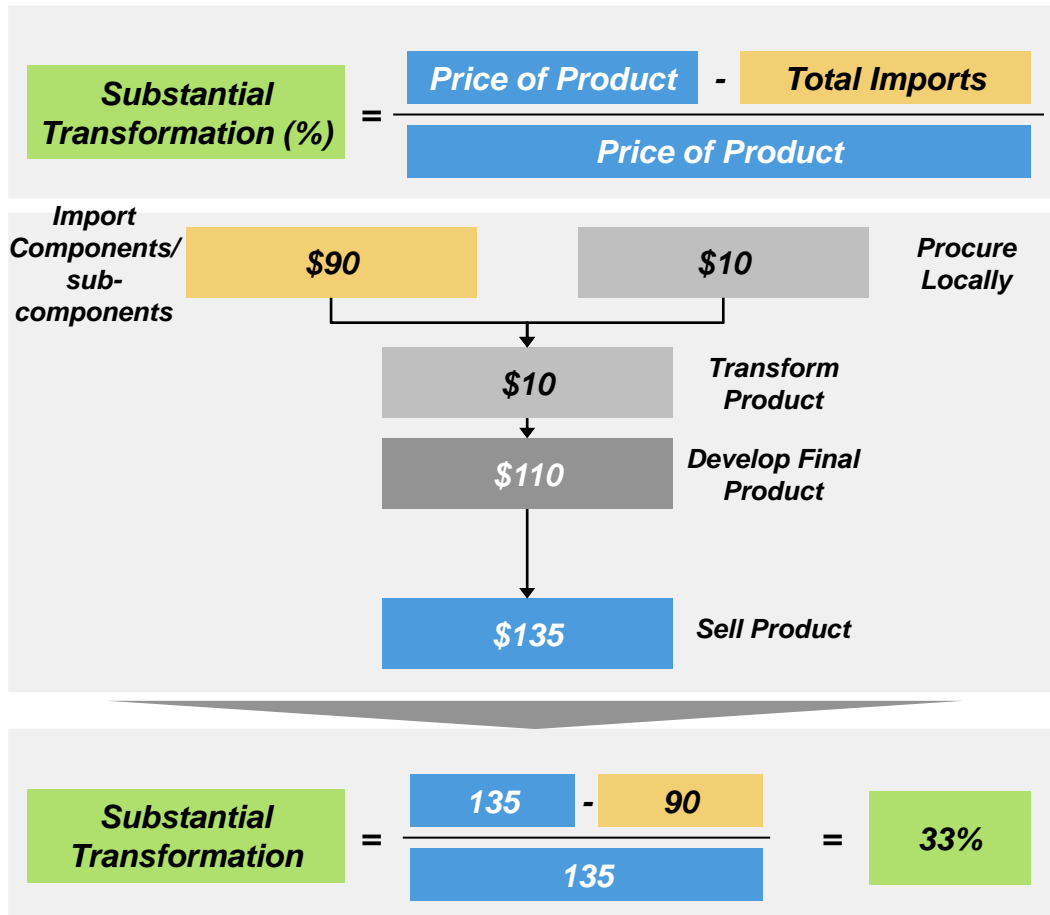
## Key Proposed PMA Amendments

- **Balance Imports Through Substantial Transformation:** Equipment manufacturers can perform substantial transformation to offset import bill for components
- **Objective of Amendment:** As manufacturers offset imports via substantial transformation they will bring strong manufacturing skills as well as boost demand for local products
- **Accountability:** Operators be made responsible for ensuring import balance through substantial transformation criteria is met by all its vendors



# ...to help Government design an implementable and robust policy to fuel local manufacturing and create jobs

## Substantial Transformation - Overview



### Potential Approaches to Meet Criteria

- **Foster in-house substantial transformation**
  - Build and foster key design and manufacturing activities in order to increase the value add on procured imported and local products
  - Drive transfer to technology know-how and skills as well as create significant jobs thereby meeting key Government objectives
- **Reduce value of imported components**
  - Telecom equipment manufacturers can increase adoption of local components in order to ease the requirements on in-house substantial transformation
  - Increasing demand will drive growth for local manufacturing thereby meeting key Government objectives

Source: Booz & Company analysis

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Setting the Objectives

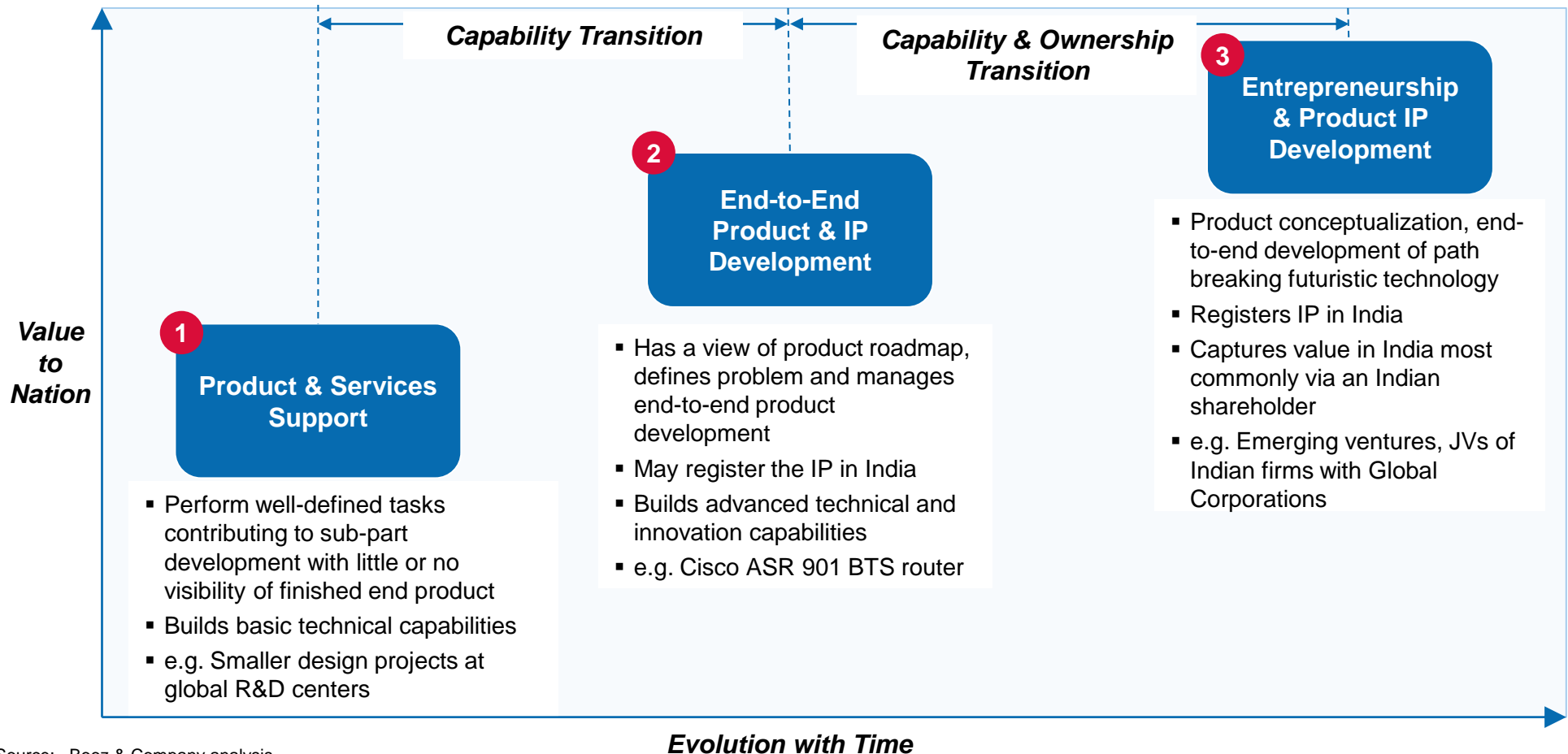
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# The innovation ecosystem typically evolves in three stages with a build up of local capability and participation levels

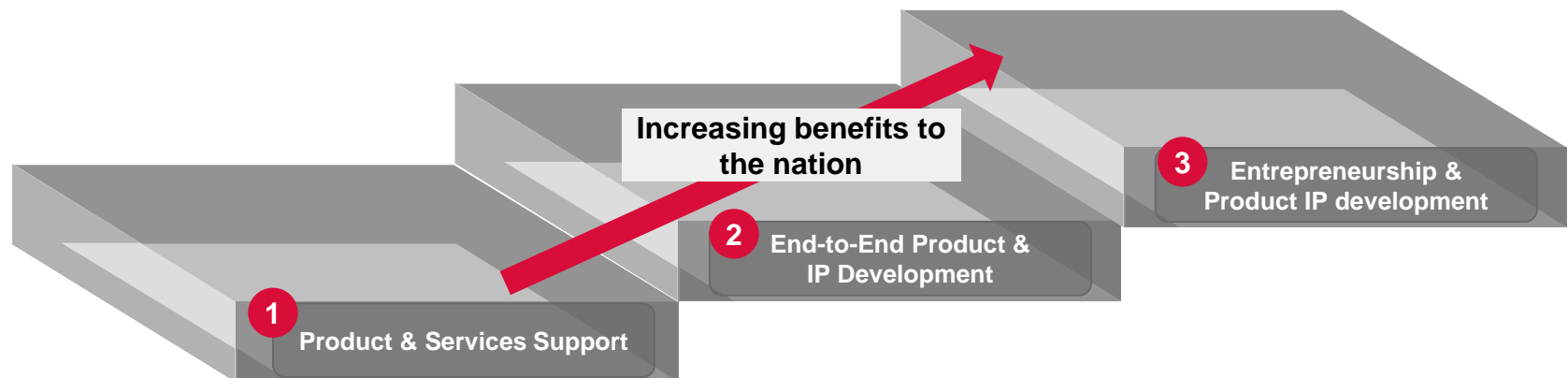
## Innovation Ecosystem Maturity



Source: Booz & Company analysis

# Evolution provides incremental benefits to the nation; initial phase provides jobs, latter stages help drive innovation and forex

<b>Jobs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ High volume of relatively lower skill jobs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Emphasis on low volume high skill jobs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Emphasis on high skill jobs but may support manufacturing jobs</li> </ul>
<b>Innovation Capability</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Builds basic technical capabilities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Requires advanced technical knowledge with end-to-end product development skills</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Requires path-breaking innovation ability in emerging technologies</li> </ul>
<b>Fiscal/ Forex</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Forex inflow from exporting engineering services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Forex inflow from exports</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Forex inflow from exports</li> <li>▪ Fiscal impetus from profit accruals</li> </ul>

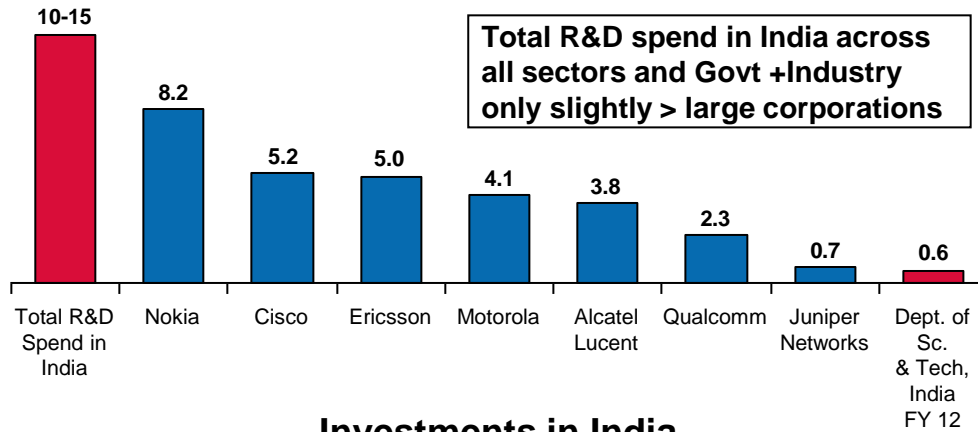


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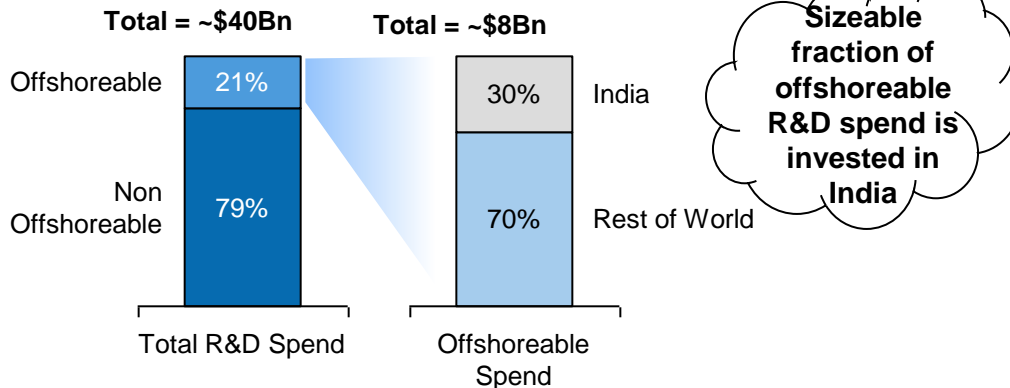
# Global players are critical to drive the first two stages of evolution; they bring in large spend and transfer know-how

NON-EXHAUSTIVE


**Telecom R&D Spend**  
2008-09, USD Bn




**Investments in India**  
2009




**Activities at India Research Centers**



- Joint research center with C-DoT (~250-500 employees)
- Provides hardware, software design and testing services
- Develops complete terminals, small cells and base stations



- Largest development center outside US
- Employs ~5000 people with ~370+ patents granted
- Perform end-to-end product development e.g. ASR 901 router for BTS; also had manufacturing support



- Large center in Bangalore with ~2500+ engineers
- Provide hardware and support for global processor development+ small group focusing on end-to-end products for India

**Large scale employment and infusion of technical knowledge helps build basic and advanced capabilities in the ecosystem**

Source: Interviews, UNESCO, Booz & Company analysis



# However, currently investments are limited by weak technology, IP and education infrastructure

## Current Industry Concerns

### Technology Infrastructure

- Need support for testing, certification and prototyping
- Helps broaden innovation activities to include complete product development

*To build another Silicon Valley, India needs to create an ecosystem with adequate contract manufacturers for prototyping, product qualification and compliance labs*  
 - Senior Executive, Global Technology Company

### IP Infrastructure & Protection

- Weak IP infrastructure with four offices across India
- Sluggish process – takes ~4 years for patent grant whereas entire process takes ~2.5 years in US
- Not recognized as a destination with strong enforcement of IP protection

*While the IPR regime in India consists of robust IP laws, it lacks effective enforcement, for which “least priority given to adjudication of IP matters” is often quoted as a reason*  
 - FCCI, World IP Day, 2010

### Educational Infrastructure

- Engineers grapple with ramping upto speed and conceptualizing new products
- Engineering curriculum places minimal importance on practical experience - takes ~10months to bring Indian engineer to full productivity vs. 2-3months in mature geographies
- Lack of engineers with advanced degrees- Doctorate: Bachelors is 0.4% in India vs. 11.3% in US

*There is also a lack of talent for product conceptualization and product management for the emerging markets. Systems management for captives still continues to be driven by headquarters, so talents for this area need to be nurtured.*  
 - Indian Semiconductor Association

# To usher international investments , the Government needs to be more proactive in building an ecosystem with sound infrastructure

## Imperatives for Government

### Technology Infrastructure

- Policy recommendation proposes converting Telecom Engineering Centre into an autonomous testing and certifying agency (TRAI- §2.50)

- However, ecosystem needs to extend beyond testing to include shared labs, prototyping etc.
- Provide funding and extend subsidies (e.g. SEZ benefits) to promote development of SME engineering services organizations.

### IP Infrastructure & Protection

- While the Authority delves briefly on the topic in TRAI- §3.44, there are no clear steps highlighted

- Ease the IP application process using global best practices. e.g. US
- Strengthen IP protection by taking action against violators
- Reinforce India's brand image as IP destination

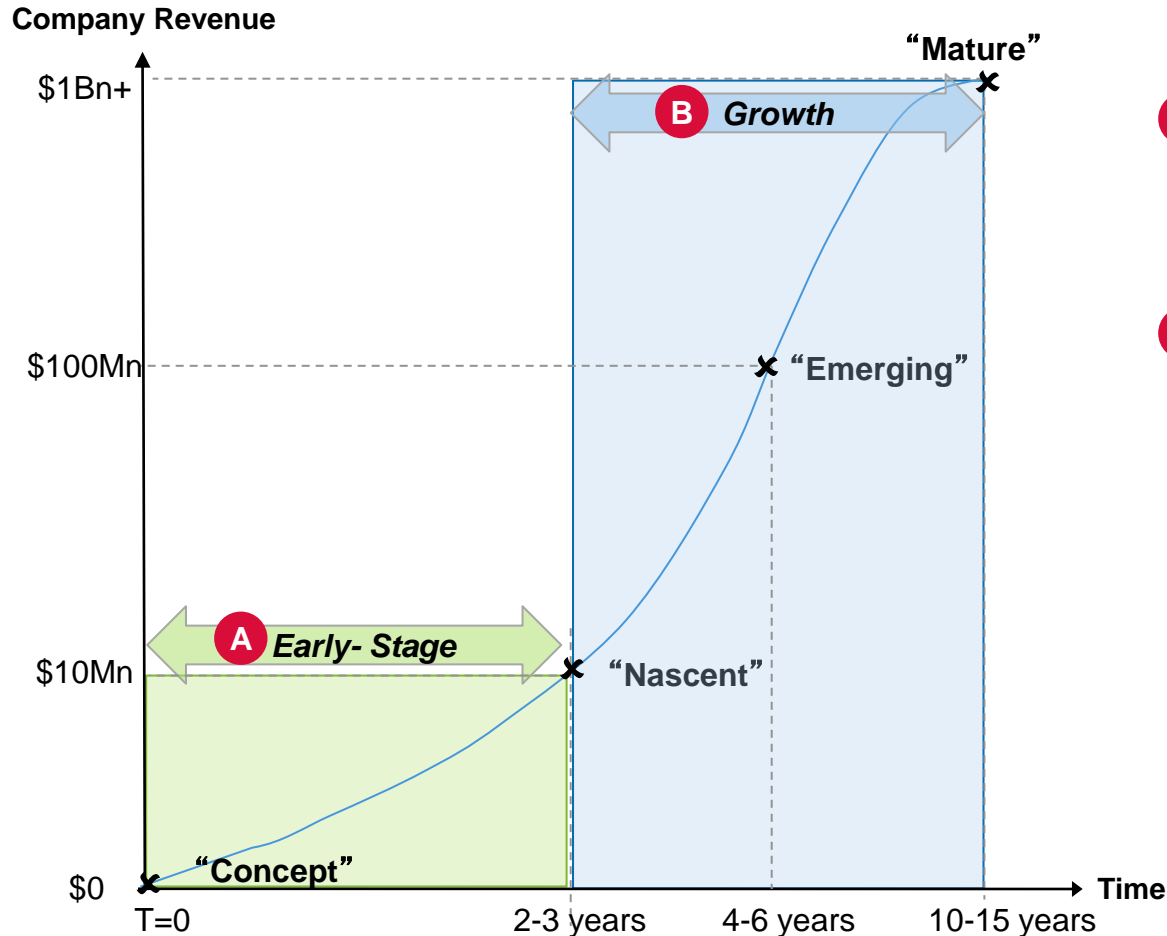
### Educational Infrastructure

- Training institutes at the polytechnic level to promote manufacturing have been considered (TRAI- §2.78)
- Engineering education has not been addressed

- Upgrade engineering curriculum to include latest telecom technologies and practical know-how
- Encourage collaboration between academia, Government labs and industry; can facilitate PhD programs on specific topics at IITs and IISc with industry support

# In parallel, we need to start developing an ecosystem to foster entrepreneurship - typically requires much longer gestation period

## Key Steps in Evolution of New Ventures

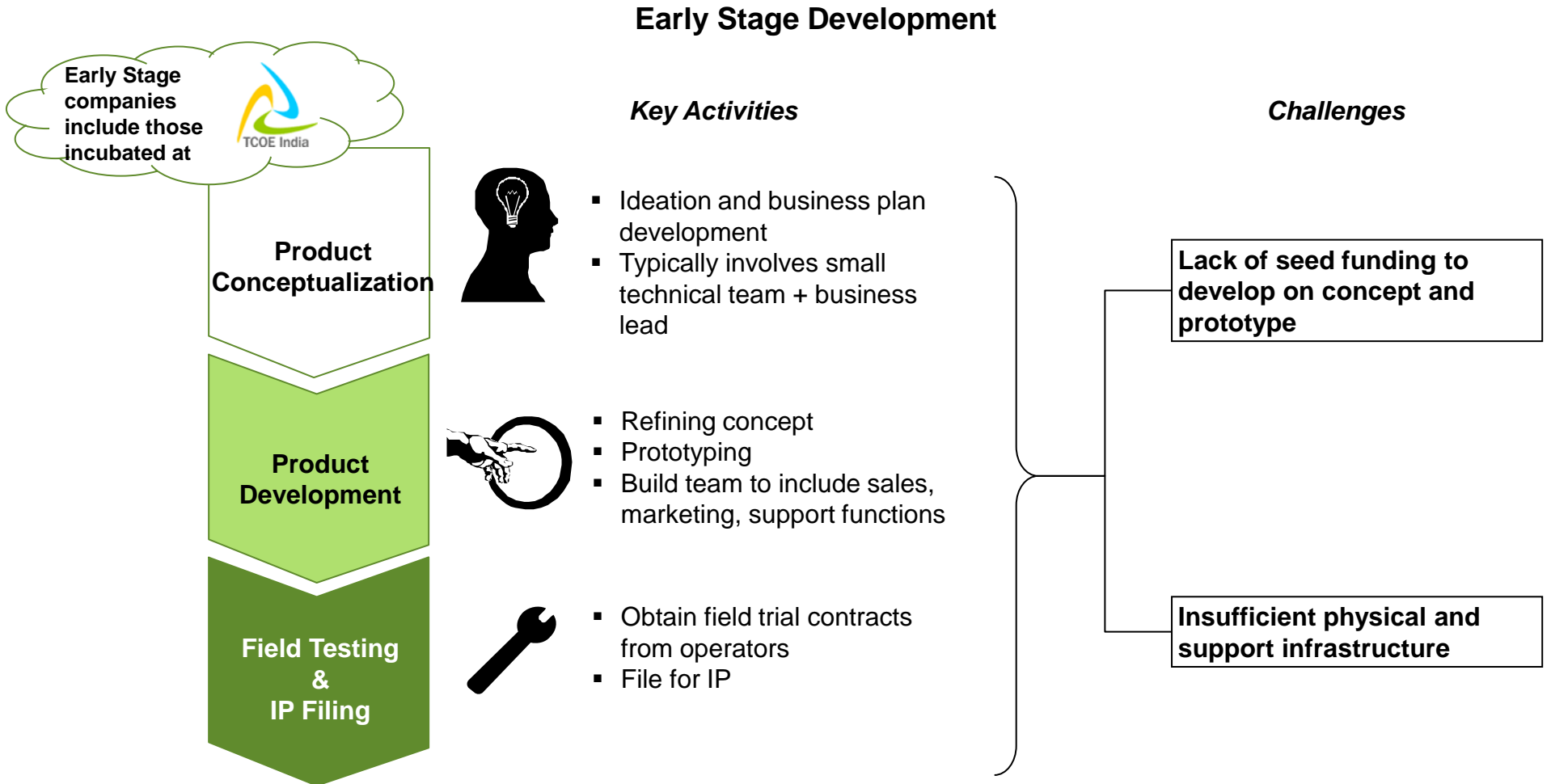


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Stages of Evolution	
<b>A</b>	<p><b>Early-Stage:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evolution of product from concept to prototype with initial roll-out.</li> <li><b>“Concept”</b> : Disruptive product concept based on cost and/or technology advantage</li> </ul>
<b>B</b>	<p><b>Growth Stage:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evolution of companies from small-contract based sustenance to mature self-sustaining globally competitive levels</li> <li><b>“Nascent”</b> :                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Completely developed product with patent filed</li> <li>– Basic pilot runs in progress</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>“Emerging”</b>:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Achieved break-even or profitable</li> <li>– Established scale in home market or region</li> <li>– Beginning to export</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>“Mature”</b>:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Globally established player</li> <li>– Drives economies of scale at global level</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



# Across the early stage development cycle, companies are faced with lack of VC funding and absence of adequate infrastructure



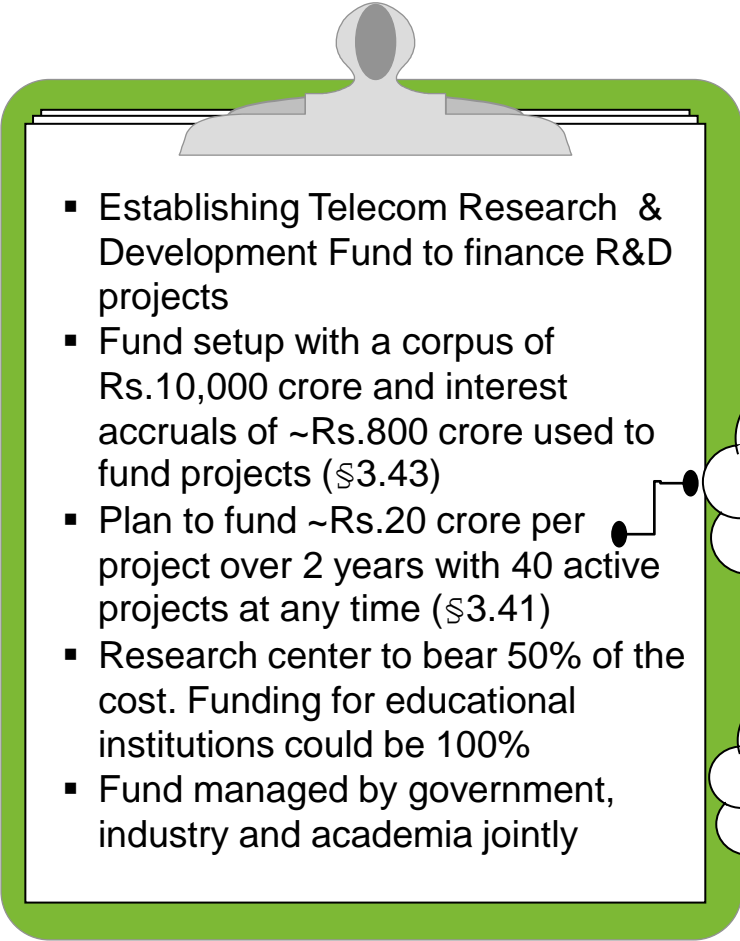
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# TRAI has proposed the TRDF to provide seed funding; detailed design is yet to be fleshed out

## Need for Funds

- Sufficient early stage VC funding is not available to cover large development costs
  - “While VCs are willing to invest a few crores in ventures, product development from basic research to commercialization requires several tens of crores” – Entrepreneur
  - With relatively low volume of funding early stage VC funding:
    - spreads too wide across sectors and..
    - lacks risk appetite to provide sustained support for product development
- As TRAI highlights, may also apply to projects within larger organizations that have long lead time and may not receive funding

## TRAI's Proposed Incentives

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- Establishing Telecom Research & Development Fund to finance R&D projects
  - Fund setup with a corpus of Rs.10,000 crore and interest accruals of ~Rs.800 crore used to fund projects (§3.43)
  - Plan to fund ~Rs.20 crore per project over 2 years with 40 active projects at any time (§3.41)
  - Research center to bear 50% of the cost. Funding for educational institutions could be 100%
  - Fund managed by government, industry and academia jointly

May need to rework fund size as projects may require >20crores or may need investments for >2years

Program structure and administration mechanism is yet to be detailed

# Global best practices can be incorporated in program design for the seed fund

**Case Study: THE YOZMA GROUP**  
managing venture capital funds since 1993

**Yozma I**

40% — Fund 1 ← 60% — Foreign VC  
+  
Israeli finance inst.  
Fund 2  
...  
Fund 10

- Govt. invested \$8Mn each in 10 funds+ \$20Mn
- Fund had to engage one foreign VC institution and well-established Israeli financial institution
- Government would invest about 40% of funds raised. \$100Mn of Govt funds, called for \$150Mn private funds
- Each fund had call option on Government shares at cost plus interest for 5 years
- Provided funding and risk sharing to start-ups but also upside from acquisition of Government shares

## Recommendations for Program Mechanics

### Structure:

- Based on venture capital model
- Can be modeled along lines of DST's Technology Development Board providing loan assistance, equity subscription and grants
- Need to cater to start-up proprietary ventures similar to TePP

### Design:

- Appropriately leverage foreign and best domestic expertise
- Adopt strategies to raise sufficient capital without bleeding Government exchequer
- Offer additional incentives to entrepreneurs including mentoring, additional upside from stake sale etc.
- Utilize similar selection parameters as DST's grants – need to measure merits comprehensively including merit, team, plans etc.

# The provisions for infrastructural support need to be more comprehensive than currently proposed to cater to early stage firms

## Comprehensive Infrastructure Support

- Proposed R&D Park to co-locate innovation firms (TRAI- ₹3.39)

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- Developing office infrastructure requires upfront capital investment
- Can mitigate the burden for select start-up firms with plug-and-play offices in proposed R&D park



Office Infrastructure

- Support for IPR filing fee (TRAI- ₹3.45)

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- Recommend this extends to access to legal support beyond filing fee reimbursement.



Patent Submission

Guidance

Extend special infrastructural support to funded-ventures

- Centralized testing agency for all companies (TRAI- ₹2.50)

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- Provide shareable resources for basic equipment assembly and testing.
- For instance, establish shared EMI/EMC test facilities in R&D park for ongoing testing during development phase



- No specific provision

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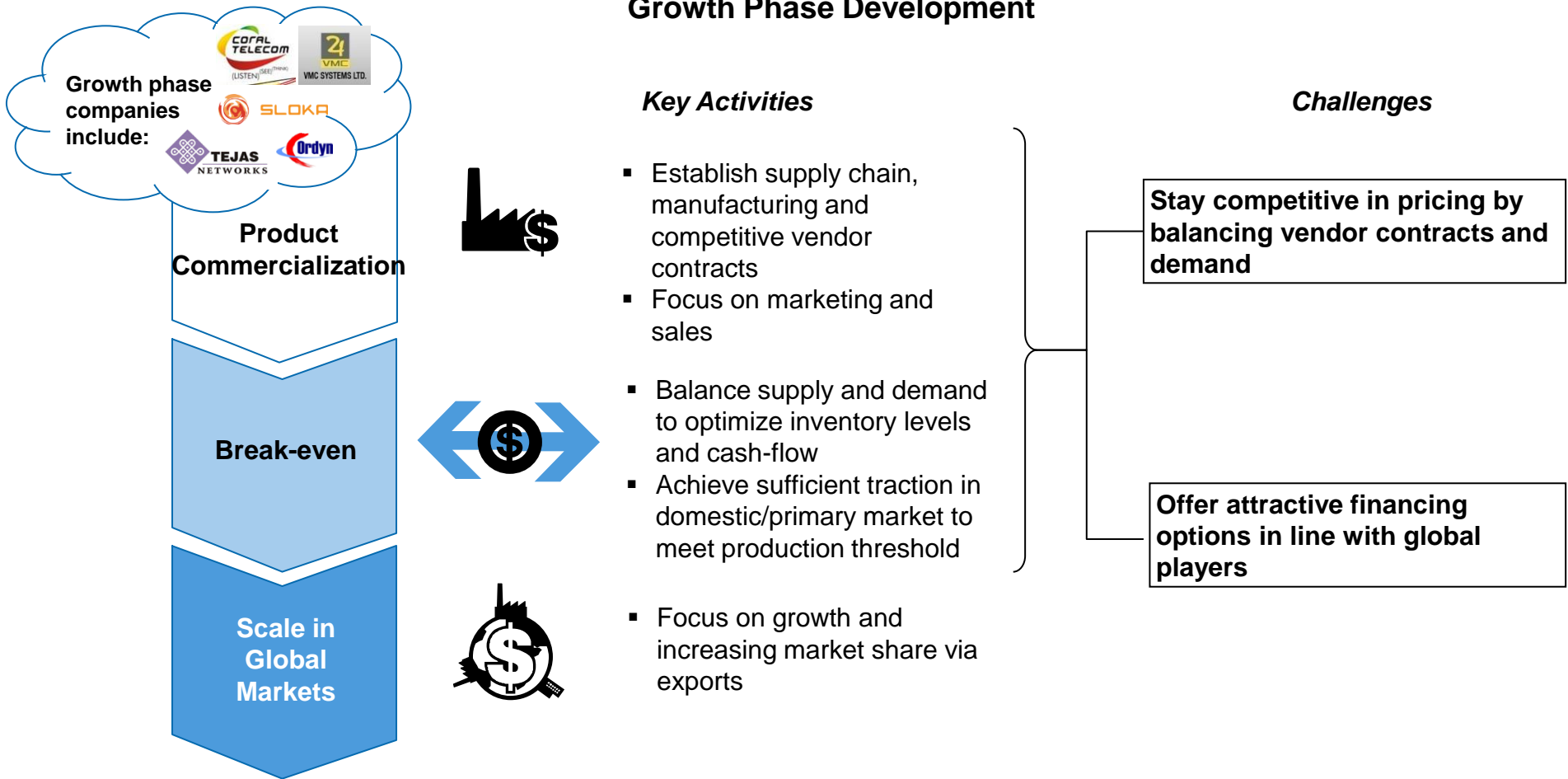
- Nurture selected firms by establishing mentoring network and facilitating periodic interactions with business and technology experts



Current Provisions in Recommended Policy

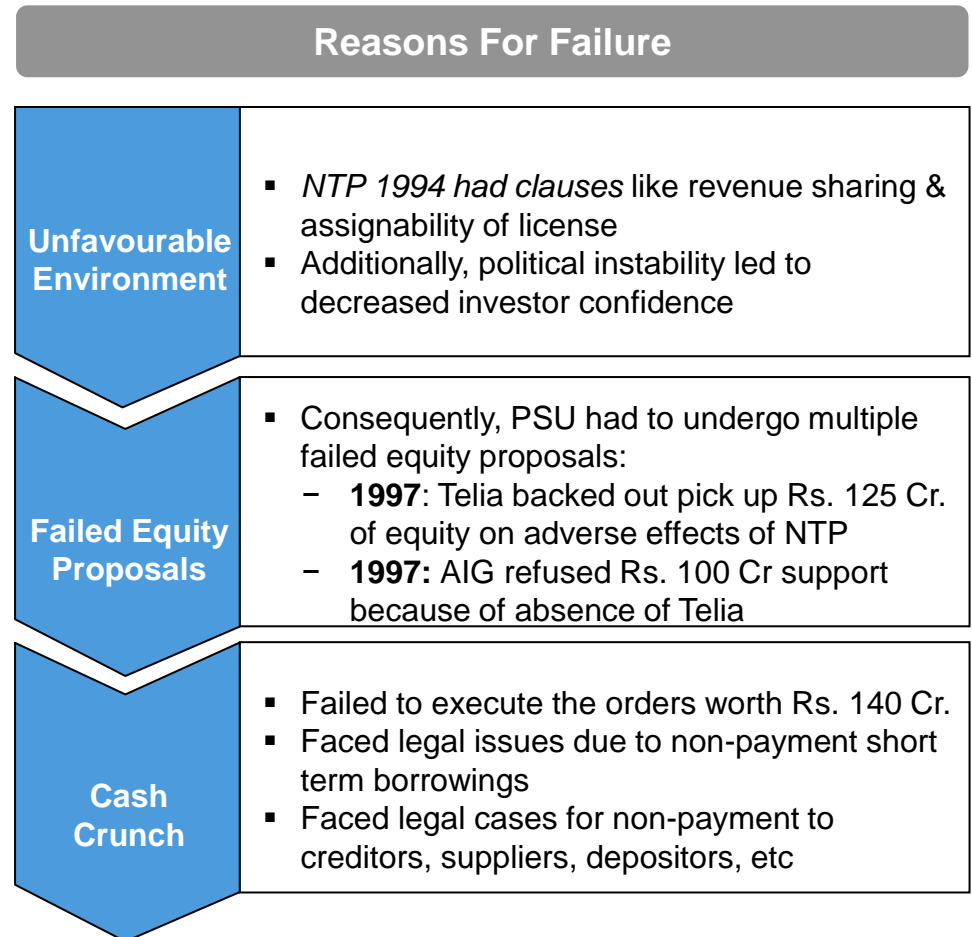
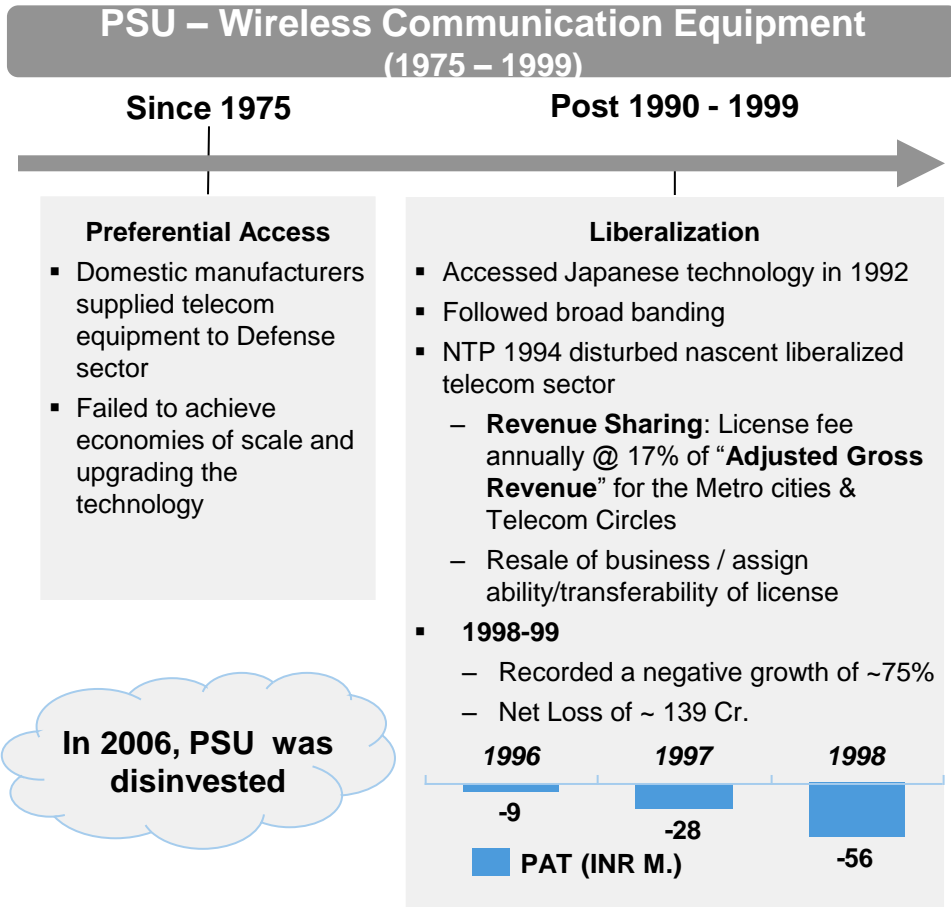
Suggested Amendments

# As they seek to attain scale, companies face challenges in offering competitive prices and attractive financing options



Source: Booz & Company analysis

# For instance, post liberalization a large telecom PSU failed, on the lack of a sustainable advantage



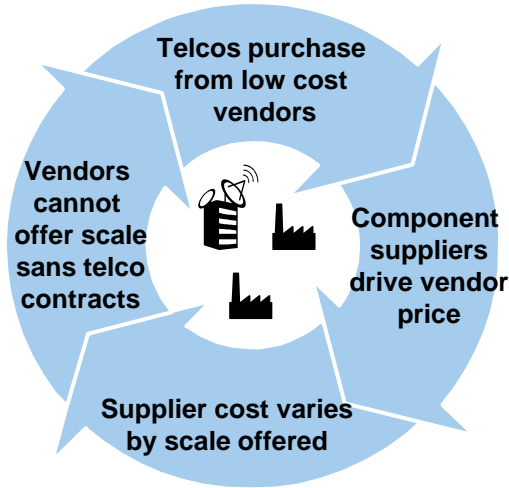
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# Facilitating competitive pricing calls for a broader strategy beyond current proposals of demand assurance and capital funding

## Pricing Dilemma

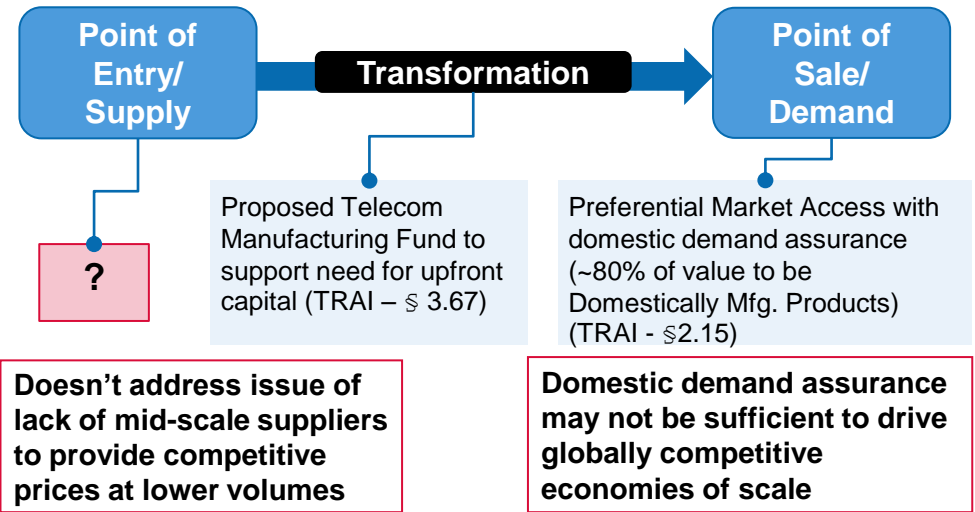
Start-up vendors face a chicken and egg situation....



Vendors need:

- Upfront capital for capex investment to build capacity
- Lower prices from suppliers

## Government's Proposed Initiatives



## Policy Recommendation

- Government may co-invest via JV or technology transfer to bring mid-size component manufacturers to cluster
- Provide tax incentives to start-ups to enable favorable pricing



- Proposed Telecom Manufacturing Fund to support need for upfront capital (TRAI - § 3.67)

- Can incentivize operators to procure Domestically Manufactured Products or Indian Products via license fee rebates

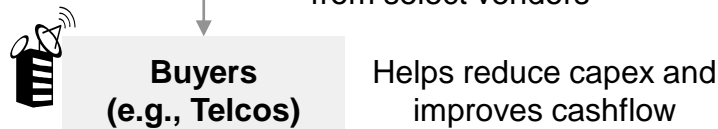
# Attractive credit lines will enable growth stage ventures to offer financing options in-line with large global players

## The Credit Issue

Global players benefit from attractive financing options provided



Offer multi-billion dollar credit lines to end-buyers for purchase of telecom equipment from select vendors



“Huawei’s \$30 Billion China Credit Opens Doors in Brazil, Mexico”



“MTS seals €670m Ericsson vendor financing deal”

**Government needs to help growth stage ventures in providing financing in-line with large global players – currently not addressed in policy**

## Proposed Recommendations

### Objective

- To offer buyers comparable benefits in cash-flow management and expenses as globally prevalent credit lines

### Structure

- Establish master fund to offer credit lines to buyers of telecom equipment from select Indian ventures
- Evaluation criteria:
  - Indian Ventures can be from among those funded by TRDF or similar Government initiatives
  - Need to evaluate credit worthiness of end player to manage risk profile of portfolio
- Credit lines to cover sale in domestic as well as international markets

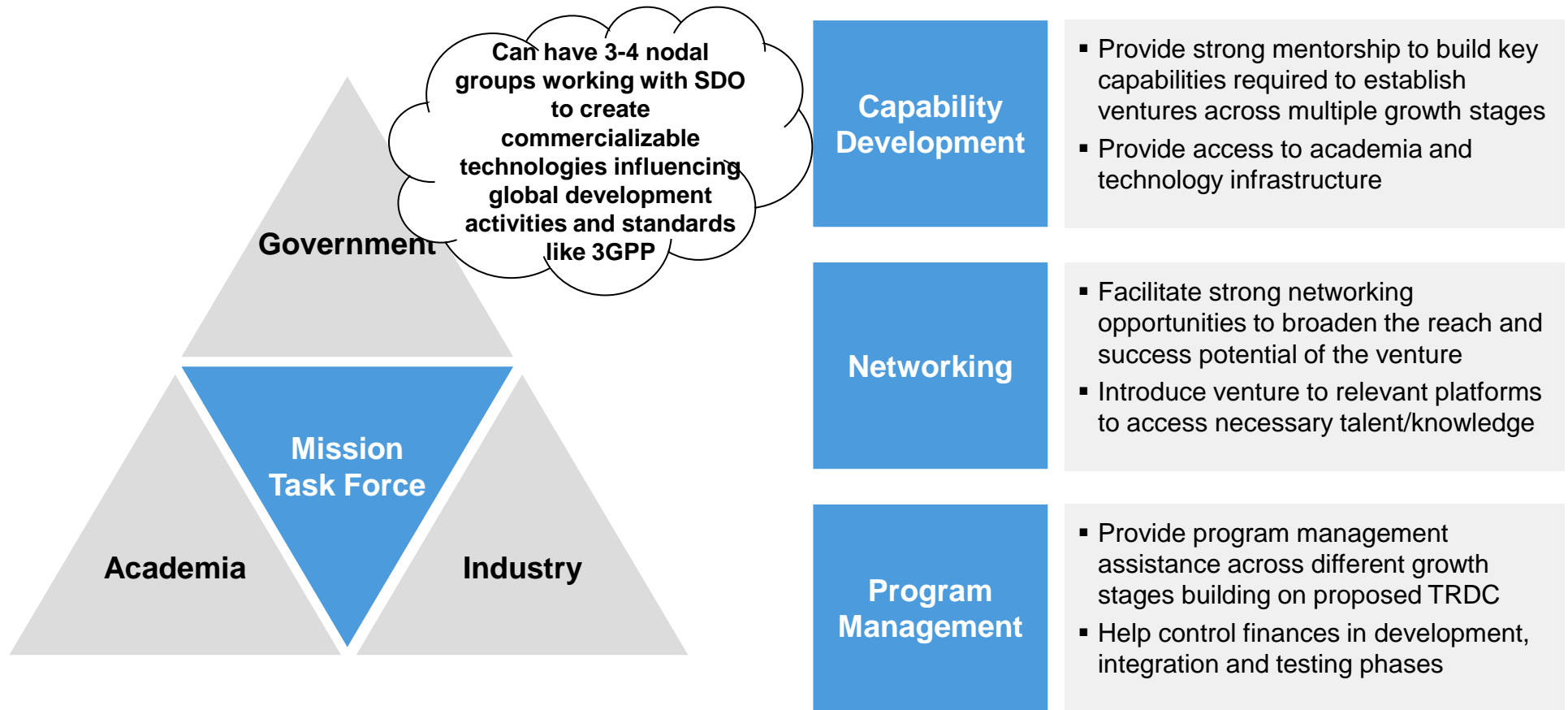
### Key Considerations

- Risk management for Government
- Value of fund provided
- Mechanism balancing operator cash flows



# Government needs to establish mission task forces for program management and to facilitate ecosystem evolution

## Mission Task Force Structure and Key Objectives



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Setting the Objectives



Promoting Manufacturing

Fostering Innovation

**Ensuring Network Security**

# Security is on-going issue; countries have been struggling to come up with a comprehensive policy

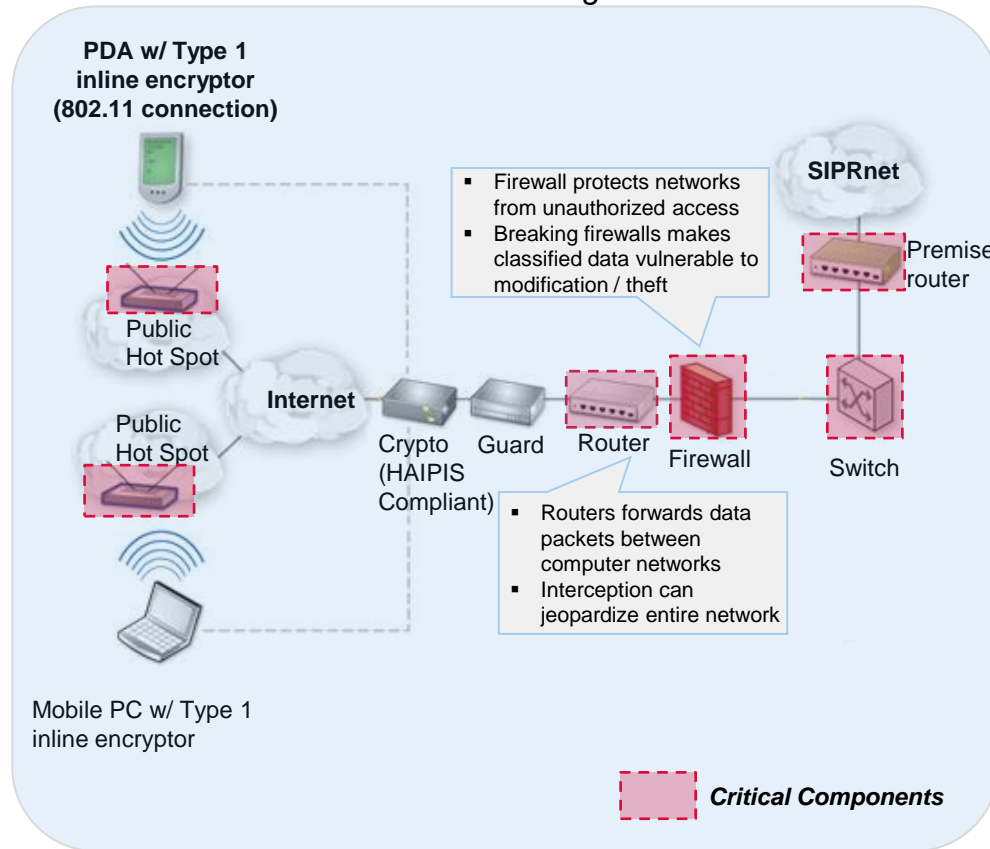
## Key Issues in Telecommunications Equipment – National Security

Country	Key Issues	Few Initiatives
<p><b>US</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Dependence on foreign innovation and manufacturing</b> for critical components (<b>ICs</b> embedded in routers, switches &amp; hubs &amp; <b>fiber networks</b>)</li> <li>▪ <b>Growth of foreign MNCs</b> &amp; related M&amp;A deals with domestic players shifting the greater control to foreign nations (Merger of <b>Huawei &amp; Symantec</b> – providing critical internet security)</li> </ul>	<p>Restrictive role played by CFIUS on Telecom mergers &amp; other deals</p> <p>Established <i>common criteria</i> to set-up technical standards &amp; configurations</p>
<p><b>Canada</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Complete access</b> to design standards for telecom equipment &amp; software for <b>legal surveillance yet to be met</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Potential information interception</b> from signal intelligence (SIGINT) which carries certified national data</li> </ul>	<p>Dedicated Departments – DCA (Departmental COMSEC Authority)</p> <p>Member in establishing <i>common criteria</i> via CTCPEC</p>

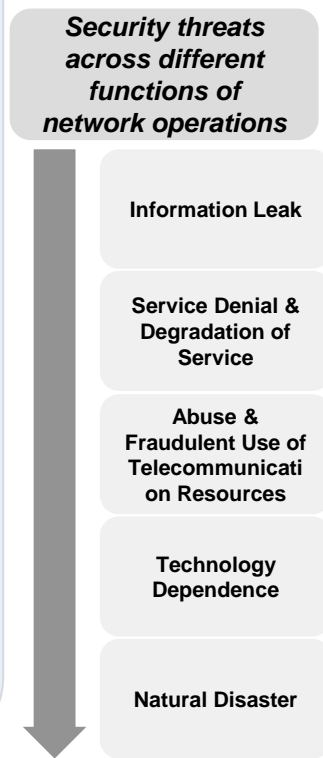
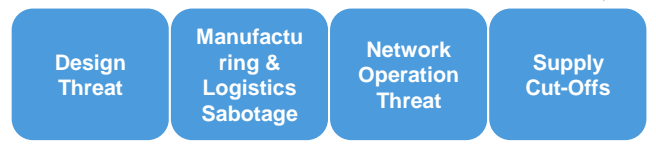
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# Security threats can undermine several critical activities by acting on a network component; can be stimulated at multiple stages

## Telecommunications Network Ecosystem Wireless Technologies



Security threats can be implanted across stages



Security threats can be targeted across multiple functions of a telecom network operations – each type of security threat can be planted across multiple stages of product lifecycle (development, sourcing, operations, etc.)



# Security threats can be classified into six distinct types - each one can be stimulated at multiple stages

Type of Security Threats vis-à-vis its Form





Types of Security Threats	Description	Vulnerabilities	Stage of Stimulation
<b>Information Leak</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unauthorized access can lead to leak of critical information which could be personal, commercial or classified</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Existence of Spyware</li> <li>Remote Access</li> <li>Physical Access</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Design</li> <li>Manufacturing &amp; Logistics</li> <li>Network Operations</li> </ul>
<b>Service Denial &amp; Degradation of Service</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intended to disrupt the service either by crashing the complete network or flooding it with unnecessary traffic</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DoS / DDoS</li> <li>PDoS, LDoS</li> <li>ICMP, SYN Floods</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Network Operations</li> </ul>
<b>Abuse &amp; Fraudulent Use of Telecommunication Resources</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Illegal access to CPEs due to poor protection (both soft &amp; hard)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Theft</li> <li>Modification of data, information or network software</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Manufacturing &amp; Logistics</li> <li>Network Operations</li> <li>Supply</li> </ul>
<b>Technology Dependence</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete dependence on imported equipment renders critical component vulnerable because of the complete developer's control</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Non-supply</li> <li>Remote Access</li> <li>Kill Switches</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Design</li> <li>Network Operations</li> <li>Supply</li> </ul>
<b>Natural Disaster</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Infrastructural damage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Manufacturing &amp; Logistics</li> <li>Logistics &amp; Supply</li> </ul>

Source: Booz & Company analysis



# These security threats can be targeted across multiple stages – Network Operations are most vulnerable

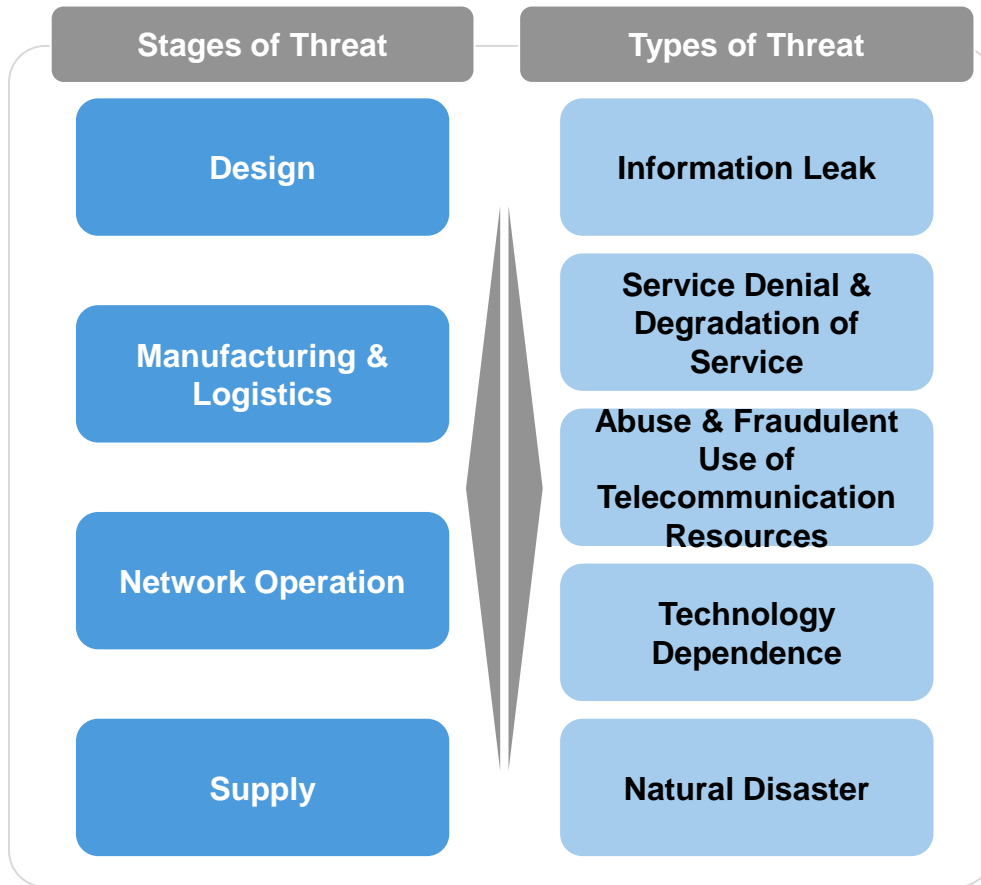
## Various Forms of Security Threats – Telecommunications Ecosystem

Security Threats Across Stages	Description	Ease of Interception
<b>Design Threats</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Alternate circuit schematics renders the equipment vulnerable</li> <li>▪ Interception needs expert skill set and ill-intentions at the vendor's design labs</li> <li>▪ Damages the entire network, difficult to diagnose &amp; requires complete infra replacement</li> </ul>	2
<b>Manufacturing &amp; Logistics Sabotage</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Interception at the hardware level</li> <li>▪ Tampering via direct access &amp; could be executed subject to the security around the equipment</li> <li>▪ Recovery through maintenance services / complete replacement</li> </ul>	3
<b>Network Operation Attacks</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Interception by malicious spywares</li> <li>▪ Attackers access the network remotely and NetOps attack is common as could be executed from anywhere</li> <li>▪ Recovery through more efficient algorithms and procuring certified critical components</li> </ul>	4
<b>Supply Cut-Offs</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Supply cut-offs of critical component disrupts services &amp; makes the network vulnerable to further soft attacks</li> <li>▪ Depends on suppliers, international relations, etc.</li> <li>▪ Complete cut-off freezes entire network and causes substantial damage</li> </ul>	1

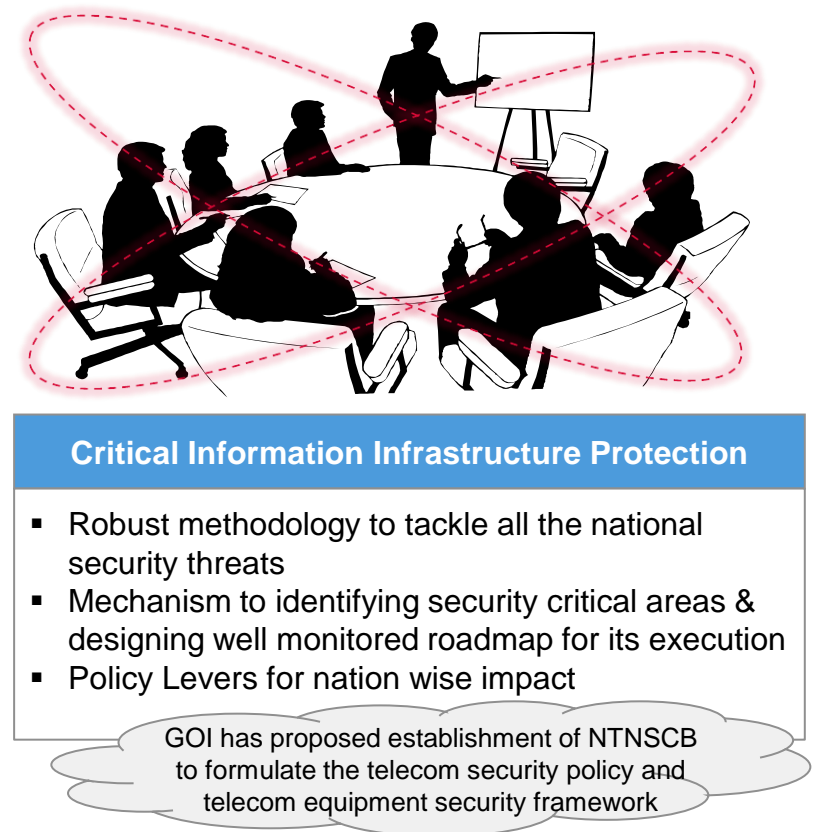
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# A comprehensive CIIP framework can be designed and implemented to arrest security threats types across all stages

Map of Security Threats



Comprehensive CIIP Framework



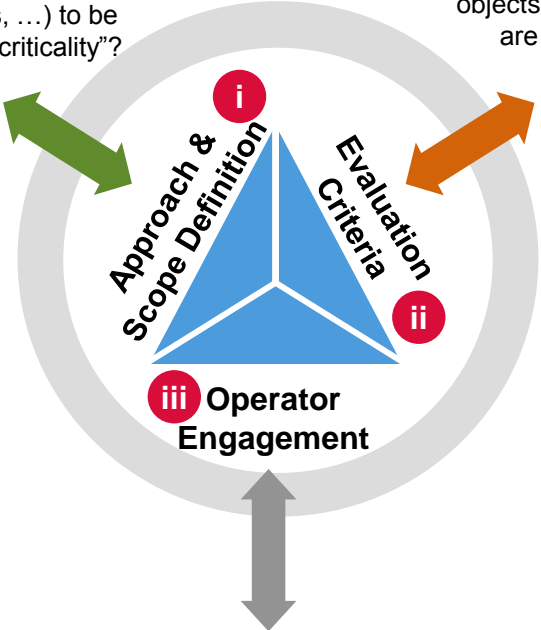
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# CIIP program design involves three stages – approach definition, evaluation criteria selection and operator engagement assessment

## Elements of National Approaches to CIIP

How does the national approach define the whole set of objects (services, operators, infrastructures, ...) to be evaluated for “criticality”?

What criteria should be used to determine which subset of objects and services are “critical”?



Once an object is identified as critical, how does the national authority manage its relationship with owners/operators to ensure / improve the protection of critical infrastructures?

### Key Components of Various National CIIP Approaches

Approach & Scope Definition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Processes generally begin with <b>identifying cross-sector “services”</b> (key functions, vital societal functions, critical sectors like financial services, government utilities etc.) supported by ICT services or operators</li> </ul>
Evaluation Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Objective:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Population affected, financial loss, environmental impact, public order, restoral time, psychological (Services Dependent)</li> <li>Redundancy, revenue, employment, coverage, number of subscribers (Operator Dependent)</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Subjective:</b> Evaluation commonly made on experience, sensibility, and stakeholder consensus rather than quantitative matrix</li> </ul>
Operator Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All approaches involve national operators at some point, but <b>not all label them “critical” operators</b></li> <li>Risk Assessment <b>usually performed by operators</b></li> <li>Private operators are <b>in the best position</b> to determine which physical infrastructures support key services</li> </ul>

Source: Booz & Company analysis





# While implementing this program in the EU, each country decided its own approach and scope; few chose the asset-oriented approach

## Elements of National Approaches to CIIP

i Approach & Scope Definition		
A	Service-Oriented Approach	CI are identified starting from <b>vital services / functions</b> and then looking at supporting infrastructures
B	Asset-Oriented Approach	CI are identified by <b>categorizing the existing infrastructures</b> & evaluating their impact on supported services
C	Operator-Oriented Approach	Identify <b>critical operators</b> and then ask the operators to identify their own CI
D	Mixed Approach	Combination of the approaches listed above and / or other alternatives
ii Evaluation Criteria		
E	Objective Criteria	<b>Quantitative analysis</b> of estimated impacts across various categories (population affected, financial loss,...)
F	Subjective Criteria	<b>Consensus-based opinion</b> that can be difficult to estimate accurately (interdependency, alternatives)
iii Operator Engagement		
	Recommended Risk Management	<b>Cooperation-based</b> operator engagement model involving awareness raising and suggested approaches to risk management
	Mandated Risk Management	<b>Legislation-based</b> operator engagement model with specific mandated requirements, timelines, and reporting procedures

## Approach & Scope Definition And Evaluation Criteria

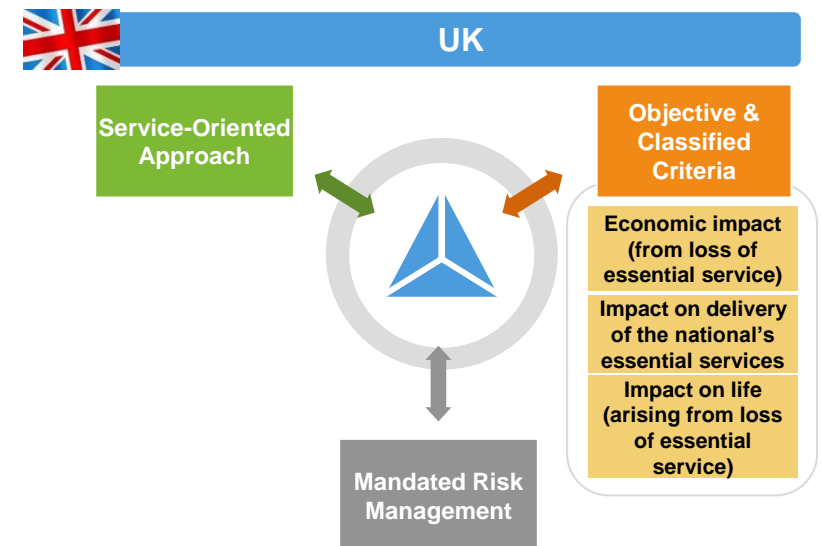
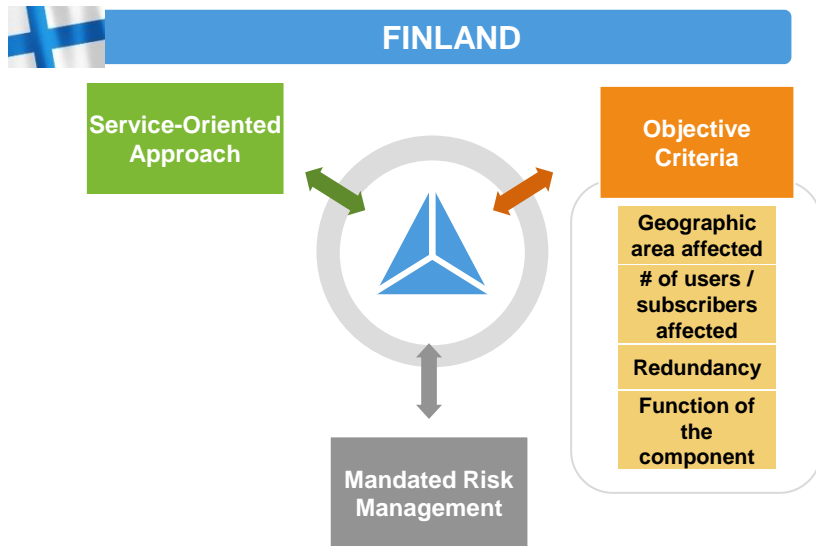
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Mixed Approach

Source: Booz & Company analysis

# Finland and UK, for instance, adopted a service oriented approach; security critical services served as infrastructure evaluation criteria

## CIIP Running Programs Country Examples



### Regulatory Bodies

- FICORA has established priority ratings against which telecom operators must evaluate their components
- Self-evaluations are then communicated to FICORA, and each component is designated a position somewhere along the priority ratings scale, depending on the results of the evaluation
- The criteria are geographic area affected, number of users or subscribers affected, redundancy, and the function of the component

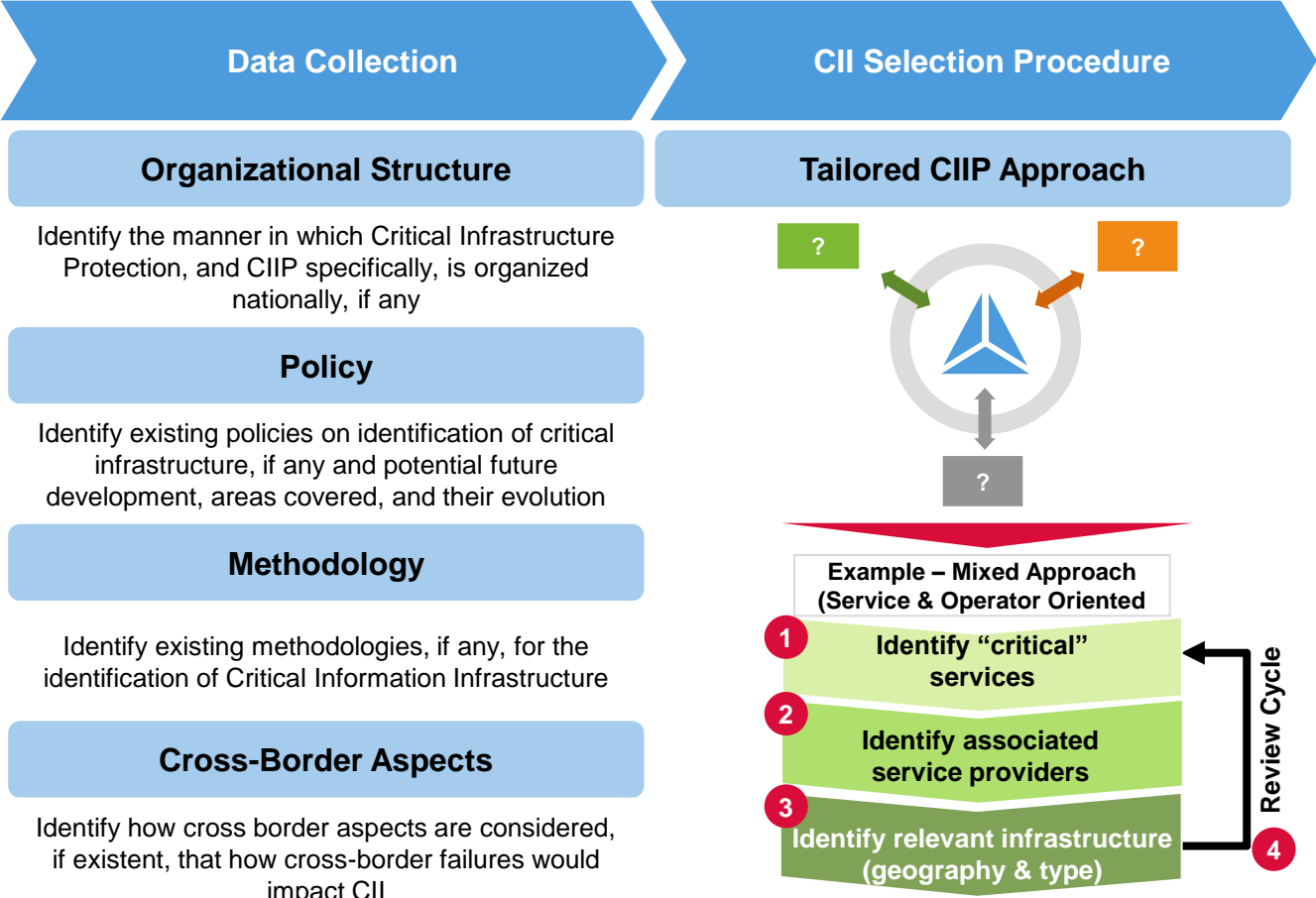
### Regulatory Bodies

- Centre for the Protection of National Infrastructure (CPNI) provides integrated security advice
- CSIRT was established for central government which further formed NISCS to include responsibility for Critical National Infrastructure (CNI)
- Issues technically phrased warnings to its communities
- Established "critical" list – "20 critical controls for effective cyber defense"

Source: Booz & Company analysis

# Implementing CIIP program yields an exhaustive list of security critical infrastructure

## CIIP – Identifying Security Critical Infrastructure



*Security critical functions of relevant network components and architecture by service-type and operator*

Government could act by key policy levers

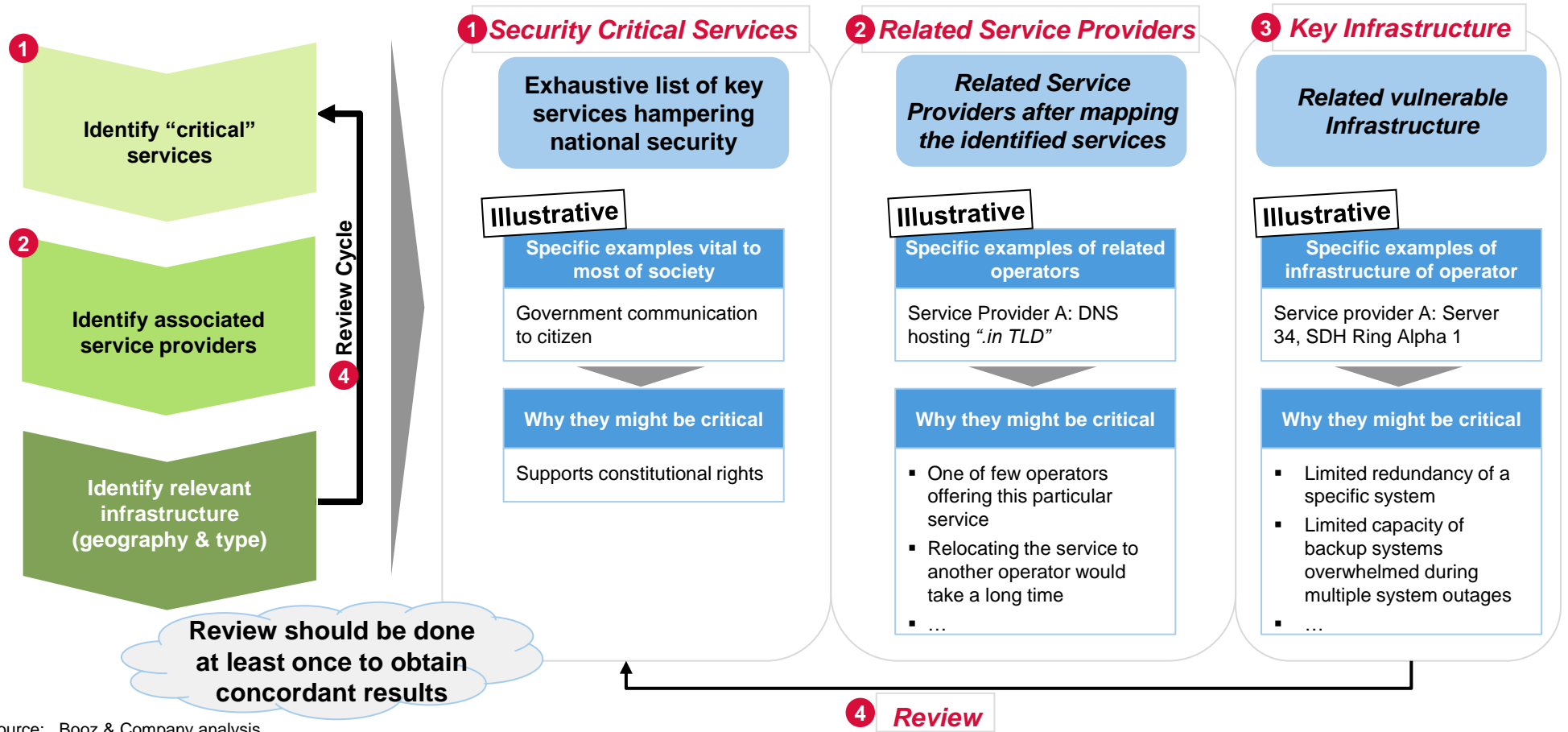
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# Indian Government can leverage CIIP program to identify security critical functions of relevant network components and architecture

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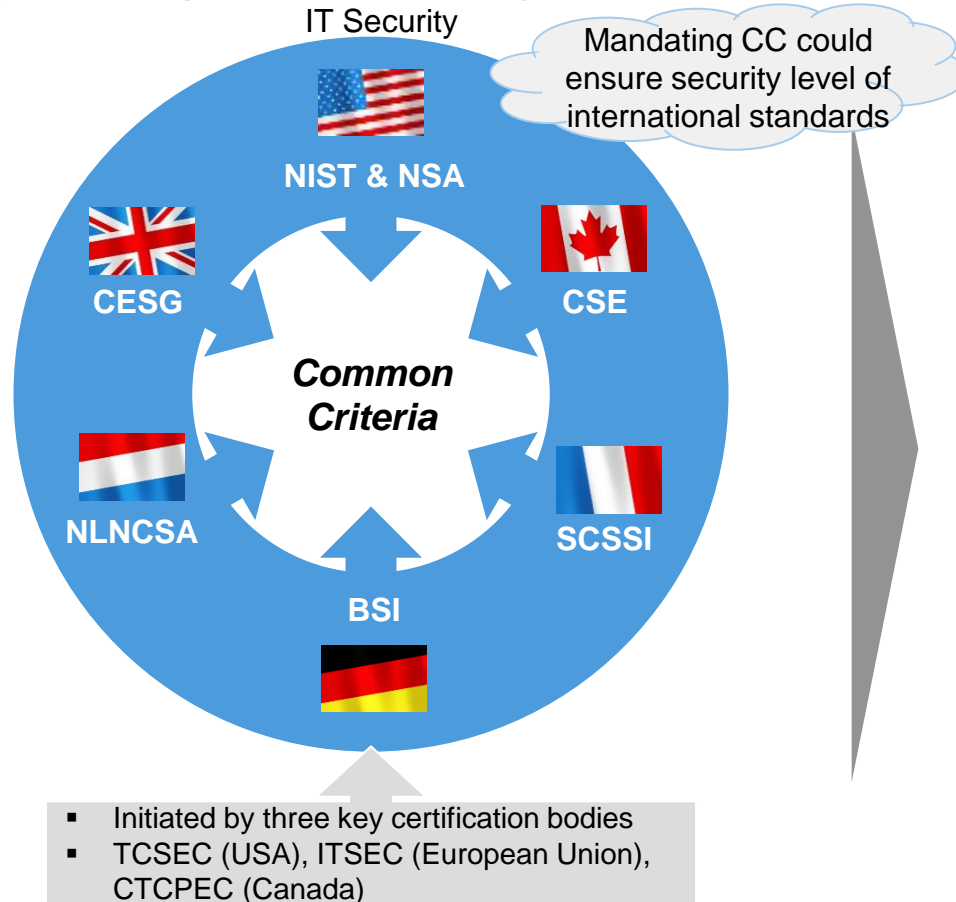
## Prioritization of Focus Areas for Security Sensitive Components



Source: Booz & Company analysis

# Upon identification, a comprehensive certification mechanism should be mandated based on the Common Criteria

## Key Founding Countries and Organizations – CC



## Discussion

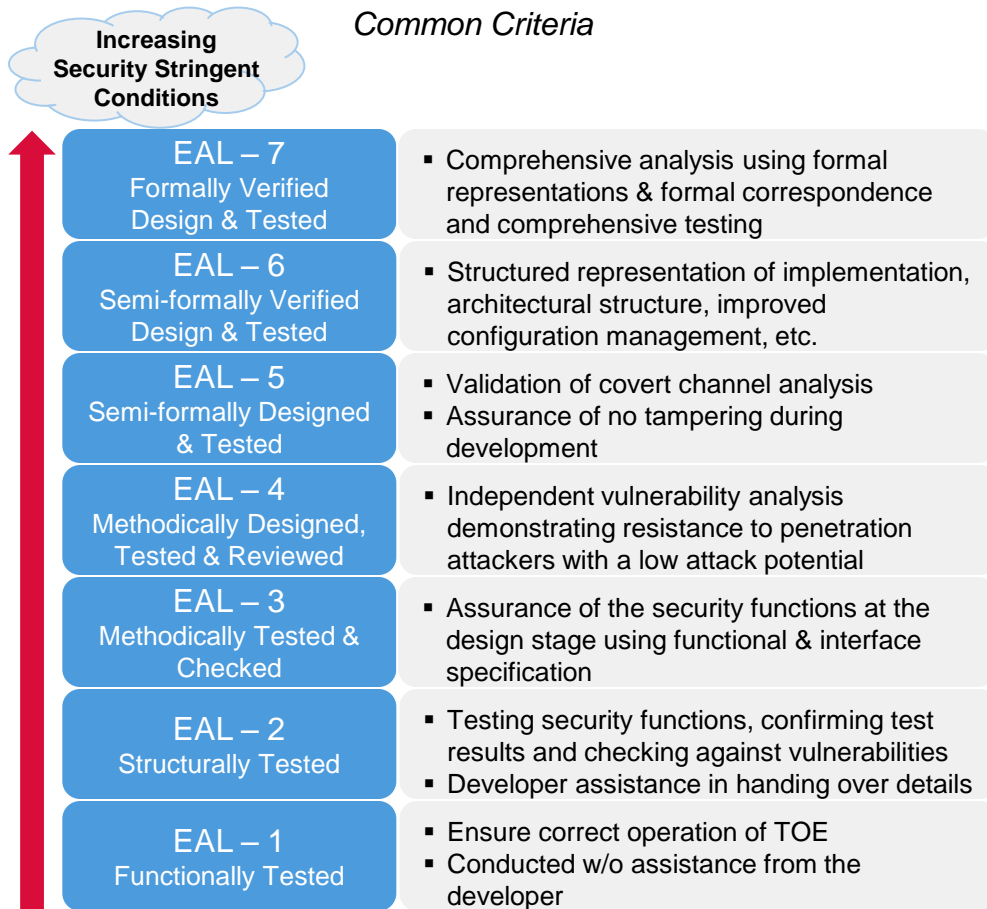
- **Key Objectives Achieved**
  - Assurance that the products meet a minimum set of functional criteria
  - Demonstration of interoperability with existing network equipment
  - Demonstration of product performance under specific conditions in specific configurations
- **Specified Evaluation Assurance level (EAL)**
  - Government can incorporate security imperatives by customizing EAL criteria suitably
  - Recommend that the Government enter into mutual agreements with other countries to harmonize Protection Profiles and EAL criteria
  - EAL can be made stringent in a phased manner once domestic manufacturing picks up
- **Assigning Certification/Validation Bodies**
  - Government has selected few CABs/CBs with TEC, DoT as designating authority
  - Should expand CBs to include international labs and labs established domestically via PPP

Note: CAB- Conformity Assessment Body CB – Certification Body  
Source: Booz & Company analysis

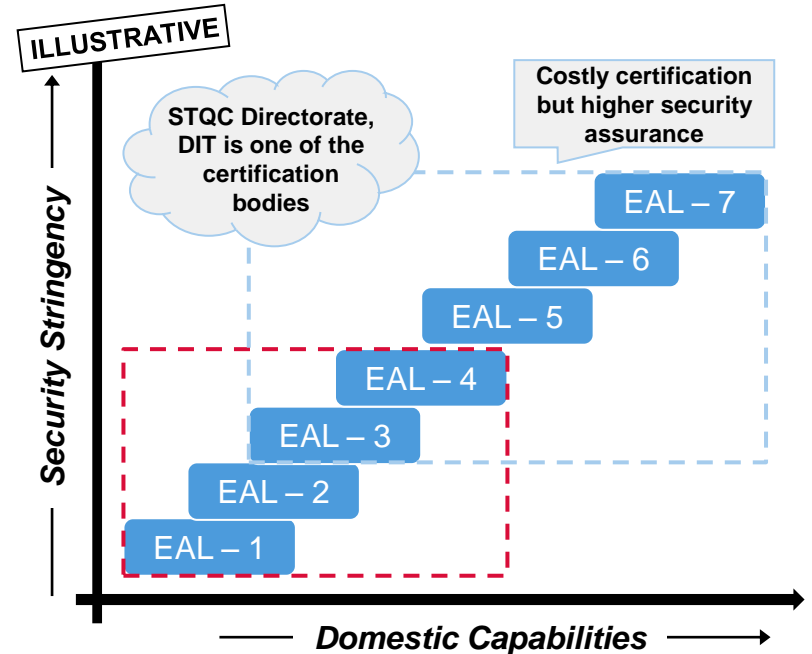
# Common Criteria will help ensure security compliance of various level; India could adopt a phased approach for certification

## Evaluation Assurance Levels

*Common Criteria*



- India, currently, provides certification up to EAL4
- India could ramp up the certification level (4+) mandates with the capability building of domestic players



Note: TOE: Target of Evaluation  
Source: Booz & Company analysis

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# Appendix

# Current duty structures and fiscal policies do not favor domestic manufacturing of finished goods and components

## Comparative Tax Structure-Imports and Exports

	On Imports	On Domestic Products
Customs	0%	NA
CVD	10% (may vary)	NA
SAD	4% (adjustable)	
Excise (or CENVAT)		10%
State VAT		4-14%
CST		2%
Octroi (State)	As applicable	As applicable
Other Taxes (entry, local area development)	As applicable	As applicable
<b>TOTAL<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>16% -26%</b>

TRAI recognizes and illustrates the case for tax disadvantage of 2-12% faced by domestic manufacture of equipment in India

**2-12% disadvantage**

### Key Issues

- Inconsistent duty structures across imports and domestically manufactured products rendering domestically manufactured products uncompetitive
- Lack of incentive for component ecosystem development as incidence of tax and computation for suppliers is different
- Need to streamline process for obtaining refunds and CENVAT credit accrual

1) Total excluding applicable Octroi and other taxes  
 Source: TRAI, Booz & Company analysis





# While the Government currently provides some direct and indirect tax benefits, these need to percolate across the ecosystem

NON-EXHAUSTIVE

Scheme	Direct Taxes	Indirect Taxes	Other Clauses
<b>Special Economic Zones</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Export profits 100% tax exempt for first 5 years, 50% for next 5 years and 50% of ploughed back export profit for next 5 years</li> <li>Sale from SEZ to DTA considered deemed exports and hence, tax exempt</li> <li>No Dividend Distribution Tax and MAT</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Duty free imports of components</li> <li>Companies usually have special agreements granting multi-year concession benefits on Central Sales Tax and Local VAT as applicable</li> <li>Typically instituted by State and may also include service tax benefit</li> <li>Can be in form of refund or soft loans</li> </ul>	
<b>Electronics Hardware Technology Park/ Export Oriented Unit</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Export profits 100% tax-exempt</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>100% excise exemption for purchases of capital goods and components from DTA</li> <li>Central Sales Tax is fully refundable</li> <li>Cenvat credit on service tax</li> <li>DTA sales of upto 50% of FOB of exports subject to concessional duties (50% BCD)</li> <li>In case of DTA sale of goods manufactured by EOU /EHTP / STP / BTP, where basic duty and CVD is nil, such goods may be considered as non-excisable for payment of duty</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Needs to be a positive Net Foreign Exchange earner</li> <li>ITA1 supplies to DTA will be counted for NFE calculations</li> </ul>
<b>Special Geographic Areas</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>100% income tax exemption for 5 years and 25-30% thereafter</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>100% excise duty exemption for 10 years from date of commercial production</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concession for Uttaranchal, HP, J&amp;K, Gujarat, etc.</li> </ul>

1 Allow duty drawback to domestic manufacturing linked to value add for a limited period to overcome freight costs

2 Provide export benefits to inter-se transactions within telecom clusters

Source: Booz & Company analysis

