

# India prods telecoms to interconnect

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The Indian government is urging the country's telecom companies to speed up the process of interconnecting with one another.

Telecom Secretary J.S. Sarma said he would hold monthly meetings on the effort among India's public and private companies.

Press Trust India said Wednesday that the absence of such interconnections was seriously hampering expansion of the telecom network in both urban and rural areas.

Some private operators contend that some 2,000 applications for interconnections have been pending with telecom giant Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited for as long as two years.

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