

SPEECH OF DR. NAJMA HEPTULLA, HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF MANIPUR AT THE LAUNCHING OF VODAFONE SUPERNET 4G BY VODAFONE MOBILE SERVICES LIMITED IN IMPHAL ON 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH, 2017 AT HOTEL IMPHAL CLASSIC, IMPHAL

Ms. Nidhi Lauria, Chief Executive Officer, North East,

Shri Manish Gupta, Sales & Marketing Head,

Members of the Vodafone family,

Members of the Media,

Invitees,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It gives me great pleasure to be with you here today to launch Vodafone SuperNet 4G in Manipur. Well done.

Vodafone India is one of the leading telecommunication services providers and it has become today a robust, award-winning business and committed for the long term. Vodafone Business Services serves the needs of enterprises and government by providing total telecommunications of Voice and Data solutions across mobility and wireline platforms. It is interesting that as on 31/12/2016, Vodafone had 470 million mobile customers and 14.3 million fixed broadband customers. It has an outreach across India and it is uniquely positioned to actualise the vision of our Prime Minister Digital India. I am also an avid fan of this modern technology for transforming the country into Digital India.

As you all may be aware, Manipur has quite progressed in the field of Information Technology. The state is widely covered by Telecommunications Services but the rural areas and the hinterland areas in the hills are still lacking such facilities in a proper way. Good telecommunications services

contribute substantially to the development of an area and our state needs this service to enable the people to gain knowledge and exposure and join the mainstream.

I would like to appreciate the Officers, Engineers and officials of Vodafone Mobile Services Limited for their efforts to extend 4G service in Imphal. While I would like to draw the attention of Vodafone Mobile Services Limited to the need for a wider coverage in the rural and hill areas of the state, a proper regulatory system should also be put into place to avoid misuse of the services as cyber crimes are often committed and gaining notoriety.

I am fully confident that Vodafone SuperNet 4G will significantly enhance the mobile internet experience of the customers with faster download or upload facility of videos and music, seamless video chats and will also provide greater ease in using programmes of their choice. Customers will also adore features like high definition video streaming, mobile gaming and two-way video calling.

With these few words, I am very pleased to launch Vodafone SuperNet 4G at Imphal today and thank the organizers for inviting me to this function.

Thank you,

Jai Hind.