

# A Study on the Challenges of IP Based Backhaul System with a Reference to Digital and Telecom Service Providers in India

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**Abstract** – India has developed as one of the most youthful and quickest developing economies on the planet today. One of the segments that has given the indications of benefit and contributed fundamentally to the nation's economy is the telecom business. Truth be told, the Indian telecom advertise has picked up acknowledgment as one of the most rewarding markets all inclusive. The huge country showcase holds an enormous potential to drive the future development of the telecom organizations. Further, the administration's drives for expanding the telecom network in rustic zones are likewise prone to help the telecom specialist co-ops to broaden their administrations in the detached provincial territories. The Indian Telecommunications coordinate with 1.20 billion associations (as of June 2020) is the second biggest on the planet. The area is developing at a speed of 45% during the ongoing years. This fast development is conceivable because of different proactive and positive choices of the Government and commitment of both by general society and the private segments. The fast walks in the telecom division have been encouraged by liberal arrangements of the Government that gives simple market access to telecom gear and a reasonable administrative structure for offering telecom administrations to the Indian purchasers at moderate costs. By and by, all the telecom administrations have been opened for private support. The paper analyzes the changing scene of telecom segment in the terms of difficulties and openings. The Indian versatile supporter base is probably going to continue the quick development recorded in the previous scarcely any years. Nearness of talented work pool, improving telecom framework, positive socioeconomics, rising expendable livelihoods of customers, declining duties, expanding request, developing fascination for mobiles with new highlights and more prominent accessibility of handsets at lower costs, are required to keep driving the development of the telecom part, going ahead. The development of India as an information based economy won't be conceivable without the development and extension of the Indian media communications and IT divisions. This cooperative relationship isn't lost on the administration which has endeavored to back the media communications division by cultivating an empowering administrative situation. This has not just assisted the broadcast communications division with evolving in a powerful way however has empowered it to draw in remote speculations. Telecom range is a scant asset and with such huge numbers of tricks happening directly under the administration's nose, it is nothing unexpected that the circumstance looks very dreary. Be that as it may, in spite of the considerable number of hiccups, what's to come is new with guarantee as every day; the portable is discovering more acknowledgments and turning into an inescapable piece of our lives. Maybe, that is a solitary gleam of expectation that is propping the segment up. The zone which needs prompt consideration is the requirement for adaptability in the administrative component. The telecom enactment at present is by all accounts old laws and the need of the business right currently is a system that can persistently adjust to the changing needs of the business. There is no uncertainty at all that the coming years will be energizing a very long time for the Indian telecom part.

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## INTRODUCTION

An integral part of the mobile telecommunications network is the cellular and fixed line backhaul networks. Mobile networks are omnipresent and

accommodate a combination of speech, video, text and data traffic coming from mobile devices and ending on them. All this information will be conveyed between the base stations of mobile cellars and the main network. The popularity of 4 g long-term

evolution (LTE) has put far greater demands on telecom networks as they aim for additional network efficiency, elimination in congestion and the ability to have an improved customer interface. Given LTE 's popularity, there are still a range of emerging problems on the horizon that will affect the connectivity of the MNO 'S backhaul network.

Mobile backhaul would become much more critical in the 5 g period, where a network would be densified and more strict criteria placed. The data backhaul would put even more strain on the expense of network carriers, despite the constraints regulated by the laws of physics. Although telecom operators will create new market prospects with 5 g, operators need to reduce the costs to enjoy the rewards of 5 g sustainably.

Literally, telecommunications involves 'casting knowledge across distances.' It has to do practically with sending signals, through electrical means, far outside the boundaries of listening distances. The principle developed from 19th century statistical models and scientific formulae originating from studies on electricity and magnetism. It contributed to the development of telegraphy, telephony, electronic messaging, copper conductors, and manual exchanges, both becoming elements of a network. Since the 20th century to the present, resources have also been centered on creating appropriate new technology to reach optimal infrastructure efficiency and sufficient amounts of equipment and utilities to satisfy the requirements and needs of the era. Telecommunications infrastructure in Nigeria may be traced back to the colonial period when the colonial rulers tried to set up communications networks in London for their army. Nigeria has seen significant change in the telecommunications sector since, but with little to little to add to the production of hardware.

## **CHALLENGES OF IP BASED BACKHAUL SYSTEM**

Improving network coverage and that cost reduction has also been a huge problem for the provider of the wireless network and there is no perfect response to this requirement. The power demand of the transport network from the center increases dramatically with the development of cell network. The main problems confronting cell network providers with access to 4 g of network include power, affordability, cost of service and long distance. Nevertheless, 5 G network can interconnect trillions of new starting devices for the various usage cases and applications that would enable machine-to - machine (m2 m) networks and Internet of Things ( IOT) to the mobile network. Such modern smart devices would not only improve the backhaul capability need, but will also bring two unique obstacles to the backhaul network: (a) 1 ms (round trip) ultralow latency criteria for communication, and (b) denser small cell

implementation. This segment explains the criteria for 5 g backhaul as well as possible obstacles.

## **EVOLUTION OF LTE**

On LTE, which is classified as LTE-advanced pro or 4.5G, there are a range of technological advances that allow for improvements such as enhanced peak bandwidth and better energy consumption for IOT connections. The total bandwidth of 4.5 G is about 1gbps and is 8-10x greater than the normal LTE, which can (among other things) allow video traffic to mobile devices at 4k resolution.

## **EMERGENCE OF 5G**

The 5 g network would comprise both the nr (current radio) and a revamped central 5 G network (5GC). The introduction of nr makes a jump in broadband velocities relative to 4 G with the usage of low frequency spectrum. The higher frequencies at the connection provide for larger channel bandwidths which often result in narrower cell sizes. All have Backhaul consequences.

## **5G NETWORK SLICING**

5G network slicing one of the main aspects of the 5G network is the 'network slicing' principle that the actual network system can be separated into custom-made functional networks ('slices') in the metro and 5G center that are customized to the requirements of a particular device or use event. Slicing would also influence the backhaul network, which would also promote bandwidth sharing to reduce costs.

## **SUBSCRIBER GROWTH**

By 2025 the amount of subscribers is expected to reach 9.8 billion. In terms of various mobile services, and would hit 4.24 billion by 2025 (43.3 per cent of the total) while 5 Gconnections would be about 850 million by 2025. Backhaul strategy / evolution also needs to deal with both an spike in subscribers and a substantial percentage of such subscribers becoming "broad bandwidth" customers.

## **MOBILE DATA TRAFFIC GROWTH**

The that overall user plus expanded use of those subscribers' connection bandwidth results in cell data traffic that at a pace of 28.9 percent CAGR to hit more than 1300 Exabyte [1300 x 1018 bytes] by 2025. In 2025, users' to 4 g and 5 g will account for 55 percent to subscribers but produce 91 percent of traffic. There would also be a substantial change in the form of video sharing traffic from 81 gigabytes (which accounts for just under 50 per cent of total traffic) to 910 Exabyte (which constitutes 70 per cent of total internet traffic).

## STRINGENT LATENCY REQUIREMENTS

All 5G mission-critical implementations and expanded content sharing would result in increasingly strict criteria for end-end latency and an effect on the expenditure for backhaul latency. For eg, a 10ms end-end latency limit indicates a backhaul-wide latency of < 1ms-which suggests that only fiber optic and microwave networks will meet these low latency specifications. When low backhaul latency connections (e.g. satellite connections) are introduced, therefore only 2G/3 G and non-latency compliant LTE networks can be provided.

## NETWORK DENSIFICATION

The expanded interest for portable broadband outcomes in the quantity of large scale cell locales being evaluated to develop all inclusive from 11.1 million to 14.1 million. The new full scale cells incorporate both 4G and 5G advancements. This outcomes in additional rush hour gridlock to backhaul just as extra difficulties because of the littler cell size for 5G nr.

Moreover, the development of LTE traffic came about in MNOS being progressively dependent on little cell site organizations. Little cells will be significantly increasingly basic for 5G. Little cells can be conveyed outside or inside and incorporate low force microcells, femtocells and picocells. They can be sent on private or open framework in the urban condition (for example housetops, road posts and so on.). In the period 2017-25, the quantity of little cells is relied upon to increment universally from 0.71 million to 4.3 million. From a backhaul perspective, there is a should have the option to convey traffic from a lot more cell destinations in an adaptable, productive and monetary way. Ultra thick system since, 5G will utilize higher ran frequencies the cell site inclusion will turn out to be exceptionally little contrasted with the present cell site (i.e., large scale or smaller scale cell). It is additionally not practical to build the cell site limit by multiple times. Consequently, thick little cell organization is the main productive approach to help 1000 time greater limit in 5G arrange [30]. This thick nature of the little cell framework will introduce the accompanying difficulties for 5G backhaul:

- Denser backhaul interface because of the denser little cell framework will exceptionally confine the recurrence reuse, which will require better use of remote backhaul range [30].
- There will be some set to exceptional necessities for cell site synchronization. As per the gauge, 5G system will require multiple times stricter exactness necessities than LTE-an (i.e., 1.5  $\mu$ s to approx. 0.5  $\mu$ s) [17]. 4. Accessible portable backhaul

arrangements and key difficulties little cell backhaul necessities (e.g., traffic load power, idleness, target nature of administration)

## CAPACITY

The development of 5G cell arrange is situated to address new administrations. It is normal that 5G system will empower a completely versatile and associated society that engage financial change from various perspectives and even some of which are unheard of today. To satisfy the interest of completely versatile and associated society can be described by the huge increment in the quantity of availability and traffic volume thickness. As indicated by nokia, the quantity of associating gadgets per versatile clients will be ten to one hundred that incorporates cell phone, PC, tablet, savvy to brilliant shirts. Likewise, the quantity of associated machines and sensor gadgets in the business and open foundation will increment. As indicated by ceragon, the anticipated limit increment could be 1000 contrasted with the limit thickness in current 4G/4.5G systems. Along these lines, clearly the development of 5g systems from lte/lte-a will require higher limit backhaul joins per cell site: while LTE/LTE-A systems need many mbps, 5G system should bolster several gbps.

## ACCESSIBILITY

Accessibility is the significant thought for any backhaul systems, if the backhaul administrations are not in activity the framework execution are contrarily influenced. In the event of fiber frameworks, if there is any interference of current way, the frameworks will naturally change to the security way inside

## PRODUCTION

Organization cost necessities cell arrange supplier needs to burn through billions of dollars every year to gain remote range for building amazing system inclusion. Since thick little cell sending will be the key for 5G systems to help multiple times greater limit, the cost productive backhaul answer for the little will be a significant test. An application explicit traffic-building model should be detailed with the goal that the two clients and specialist organizations can be glad.

## LONG DISTANCE REACH REQUIREMENTS

Significant distance arrives at necessities reach characterizes how far a cell site can get backhaul support from the center system with the necessary nature of administration. Significant distance reach is consistently a major issue for the backhaul arranges as far as cost and extra hardware (e.g., all out sending cost of fiber backhaul will increment with



the separation). Ordinarily, cell locales are interconnected in a various leveled work and all the deals are moved back to a conglomeration point (at times called super cell) where all the deals are collected and transport to the center system. Because of the thick little cell sending in the 5G systems, monstrous backhaul traffic will be amassed at the super cell that can make blockage and can even crumple the backhaul systems. Consequently, significant distance arrives voluntarily be a major test for the 5G backhaul arrange.

## ULTRALOW LATENCY REQUIREMENTS

Ultralow inactivity prerequisites one of the significant necessities of 5G network is ultralow inertness 1 ms (full circle). Some 5G use cases and administrations, for example, continuous observing and controller, self-ruling driving, material web, and m2m applications need to help by crucial network since this sort of administrations will require high accessibility, ultralow inertness and tight security. moreover, the dangers of network disappointment are excessively high. In this manner, it will be a major test for 5G backhaul to help enormous traffic and keep up the necessary nature of administration with lower inertness prerequisite. Since proliferation delay is inborn, an answer must be figured dependent on physical layer.

## FIBER VERSUS WIRELESS BACKHAUL

### Wired – Optical Fiber:

Wired backhaul advancements depend on a direct physical association by means of optical fiber to the repeater hub or to the edge hubs. in fiber-optic interchanges, frequency division multiplexing (WDM) is an innovation which multiplexes various optical bearer signals onto a solitary optical fiber by utilizing various frequencies (i.e., shades) of laser light. This method empowers bidirectional correspondences more than one strand of fiber, just as increase of limit. An optical fiber network hypothetically has boundless transmission capacity and out of such huge numbers of filaments in an optical link just a couple are utilized leaving others as dull fiber.

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WDM, DWDM and CWDM depend on a similar idea of utilizing various frequencies of light on a solitary fiber, however vary in the dispersing of the frequencies, number of channels, and the capacity to enhance the multiplexed signals in the optical space

Nothing has accomplished more to expand the limit of existing fiber-optic networks than DWDM, which allows numerous information streams to be joined on a solitary fiber. Mechanical progressions in these optical advances are currently encouraging boundless data transfer capacity which will help satisfies the transmission capacity prerequisites of the majority and the cutting edge transfer speed hungry applications. wired networks as a rule require certain moves that should be tended to and they fall into option to proceed costs, arrangement costs and so on anyway with the generally higher forthright capital venture require at the outset they essentially offer boundless transfer speed and lower opex costs.

### Wireless:

Wireless backhaul choices are additionally accessible as alludes to advancements that utilization highlight point or highlight multipoint radio or microwave frequencies to transmit signals between center point locales and an end-client collector. the most widely recognized remote backhaul, work in the unlicensed remote (permit excluded) 900mhz (902-928), 2.4GHz, 5.3GHz, 5.4GHz, 5.8GHz, 24GHz, and 60GHz frequencies of the RF range. These radio stages are excluded from permitting prerequisites. These frameworks, albeit fast to convey, don't guarantee selective utilization of the band and are helpless to possible impedance.

Unlicensed remote backhaul stages can go separates up to 50+ miles and give information paces of 10mbps to 300mbps total throughput. These frameworks can be sent in outside remote backhaul applications, for example, highlight point remote, highlight multipoint remote, and remote work setups. to add ability to any network, remote backhaul innovation utilizing unlicensed remote Ethernet connect radios gives an intrinsically adaptable and versatile option in contrast to fiber or rented lines. Most frameworks can be introduced in a day or two.

While assessing remote backhaul innovation, the chance of radio recurrence obstruction disturbing a remote network interface represents a worry. Radio obstruction results from undesirable radio recurrence (RF) signals disturbing framework interchanges. Regularly these signs are at or close to a similar recurrence as the get recurrence of a set up remote framework. Impedance can debase a radio framework's presentation and at times even keep the framework from working by any stretch of the imagination. The wellspring of impedance is generally different transmitters that are close in recurrence to the affected framework. Impedance

can influence a wide range of radio frequencies. With un-authorized frameworks it can never be ensured that a framework will work obstruction free and with any anticipated unwavering quality.

The significant contrast between authorized remote and permit excluded frameworks is that authorized radio clients have an administrative body that will help them in beating any obstruction gives that may emerge, while permit absolved clients must purpose impedance issues without legislative help.

As of late however many highlight multipoint remote frameworks have exploited the wi-fi 802.11n chip sets and would now be able to give remote transmission capacity up to 300mbps total throughput or past.

There different innovations around there which may require a view, close to view or non-view way. Contrasted with different nations, in India, the quantum of range which has been unlicensed is impressively low.

A few concerns have been raised about style and medical problems emerging from radiation dangers and the security of telecom towers, particularly in metro and urban zones. There are likewise ecological concerns. The utilization of intensity generators (to address the absence of un-interfered with power gracefully) adds to dirtying outflows. For every one of these reasons, municipal specialists have forced tough conditions on the erection of pinnacles. These incorporate necessities, for example, advance freedom from inhabitant government assistance affiliations (RWAS) if there should arise an occurrence of local locations, auxiliary security testament, leeway from contamination control specialists and fire specialists.

## CHALLENGES IN RURAL AREAS

Rural territories of nations keep on being meagerly secured and are not considered as a feasible business case by telecommunication administrators. Ongoing development of teledensity in urban regions, fuelled by versatile technology, has implied that the computerized hole among rural and urban regions has broadened.

Rural populaces should be given versatile communication and wireless broadband access, by interfacing far off regions to the broadband center networks. Picking productive, savvy and quick sending innovations – regardless of whether wired or wireless networks – will improve openness.

The key challenges for the arrangement of telecommunication administrations in rural zones are driven by both innovative and financial contemplations. Setting up backhaul network stays a significant expense work out. Flighty force flexibly or

complete absence of vitality sources is a significant hindrance, and photovoltaic force gracefully is progressively turning into a reasonable other option. The prerequisite to keep up adequate reinforcement frameworks raises operational expenses considerably. Procedures and reasonable arrangements that can effect on the arrangement of telecommunications/ICTs in rural and far off territories, with accentuation on those that utilize the most recent innovations intended to bring down foundation capital and working costs, help assembly among administrations and applications, and think about the need to decrease ozone depleting substance (GHG) emanations.

1. Difficulties in making or updating telecommunication framework in rural regions.
2. Difficulties confronting fixed and versatile networks for rural arrangements in creating and created nations, and the necessities to be fulfilled by such frameworks.
3. Needs and strategies, components and administrative activities to decrease the advanced partition by expanding broadband access.
4. Quality of the administrations gave, and the cost viability, level of supportability in various topographies and manageability of the procedures and arrangements.
5. Business models for manageable arrangement of networks and administrations in rural and far off zones, mulling over needs dependent on monetary and social markers.
6. Increasing accessibility of telecommunications/ICTs that give upgraded network at dynamically lower costs, lower vitality utilization and lower levels of GHG discharges.
7. The impact of social, social and different factors in delivering varying and frequently imaginative reactions to satisfying the need for mixed media administrations from inhabitants of rural and distant zones of creating and least created nations (LDCs).
8. The consistent advancement being made on HR improvement/the board issues, which are central to building up supportable telecommunication foundation.
9. Identifying the quick difference in advancements which could be used in rural and distant regions ought to be considered.

## INDIAN TELECOMMUNICATION INDUSTRY

India is starting at now the world's second greatest telecommunications publicize with a supporter base of 1.19 billion and has selected strong improvement in the earlier decade and half. The Indian compact economy is growing rapidly and will contribute liberally to India's GDP as demonstrated by a report masterminded by GSM Association. The exponential growth over the span of the latest couple of years is mainly controlled by sensible tolls, increasingly broad availability, turn out of Mobile Number Portability, broadening 3G and 4G consideration, propelling usage instances of supporters and an ideal authoritative condition. The Telecommunications Industry is separated into following subsectors:

1. Infrastructure
2. Equipment
3. Mobile Virtual Network Operators (MNVO)
4. White Space Spectrum
5. 5G
6. Telephone pro centers

Broadband Telecom specialist co-ops in India Telecom Forums and Standardization play an important role in driving innovation forward. There are several industry forums and consortiums, but the largest ones that drive the Telecom Industry are:

1. ITU-T (International Telecommunications Union – Telecom)
2. TMF (Tele Management Forum)
3. OMA (Open Mobile Alliance)
4. TIA (Telecommunications Industry Association)
5. IEEE (The Institute of Electrical & Electronics Association)
6. ITS (International Telecommunications Society)
7. GSMA OneAPI Initiative in Canada

**A few other influential Telecom forums/News/Analyst organizations are:**

1. Ovum
2. Analysys Mason
3. MoMo (Mobile Mondays)

4. Telecom Asia A few India specific organizations are:
5. COAI (Cellular Operators Association of India)
6. ISPAI (Internet Service Providers Association of India)
7. ICA (Indian Cellular Association)
8. AUSPI (Association of Unified Telecom Service Providers of India)
9. IMAI (Internet & Mobile Association of India)
10. Centre for Telecom Management Studies

These industry associations plan to disentangle the unpredictability of maintaining a Telecom business, and fill in as bringing together power in the business. They build up themselves in the job of thought pioneers and work across nations and mainlands to basic business issues through access to an abundance of information, scholarly capital and guidelines. The gatherings give a remarkable, reasonable and safe condition for the whole worth chain to work together on squeezing industry issues, helping organizations of all sizes increase a serious edge and the adaptability and speed they have to support future development (TMF). As a genuine model, TM Forum's Framework Architecture gives a develop incorporated business engineering that unites the Service Providers and the Suppliers to empower them to work together in giving rich and complex administrations in a maintainable and versatile way.

The OMA – Open Mobile Alliance is a Standards body which creates Open Standards for the Mobile Industry. The OMA normalizes useful conventions, so that OMA particulars are intended to work with any cell network innovations being utilized to give networking and information transport. These networking technology are indicated by outside gatherings. Specifically, OMA particulars for a given capacity are the equivalent with GSM, UMTS or CDMA2000 networks. The bit of leeway in doing this is the Telcos can turn out administrations to an a lot bigger endorser base without agonizing over the interoperability brought about by technology or networks.

## EVOLUTION OF THE TELECOM SECTOR IN INDIA

- Indian telecom segment is over 165 years of age.
- Telecommunications was first presented in Quite a while in 1851 when the primary operational land lines were laid by the legislature close to Kolkata (at that point

Calcutta), despite the fact that telephone utilities were officially presented in India a lot later in 1881.

- Further, in 1883, telephone utilities were converged with the postal framework. In 1947, after India achieved freedom, all remote telecommunication organizations were nationalized to shape the Posts, Telephone and Telegraph (PTT), a body that was administered by the Ministry of Communication.
- The Indian telecom segment was totally under government possession until 1984, when the private segment was permitted in telecommunication gear producing as it were.
- The government concretized its prior endeavors towards creating R&D in the part by setting up a self-ruling body – Center for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) in 1984 to create best in class telecommunication technology to meet the developing needs of the Indian telecommunication network.
- The real advancement of the business began after the Government isolated the Department of Post and Telegraph in 1985 by setting up the Department of Posts and the Department of Telecommunications (DoT).

### THE THREE PRIORITIES FOR INDIA IN 5G ARE

- Deployment** – turning out ahead of schedule, effective and unavoidable 5G networks to expand the worth offered by this new technology
- Technology** – building India's modern and R&D limit in the plan and IP measurements of 5G
- Manufacturing** - growing the assembling base in 5G for both semiconductor creation just as gathering and test plants.

### CONCLUSION

The telecom sector in India has to deal with various challenges like maintaining the sufficient spectrum, adoption of new technologies faster to be able to use the new features and techniques to serve the customers with better and feature rich service. A proactive and facilitator government role regarding telecom sector is the need of the hour given the huge opportunities provided by the sector. Independent and statutory body, Telecom Regulatory Authority of

India (TRAI) has an important role to play as a watchdog of the sector. A more proactive and timely Dispute Resolution by TDSAT (Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal) is the need of the hour.

Telecommunication sector is found to be one of the fastest growing sectors in emerging economies. There is global interest by the Government and policy makers on how to provide universal telecommunication service in the rural areas. However, providing the telecommunication infrastructure in rural areas is halted by many challenges, which may be as the result of poor infrastructure and access to basic amenities like road and electricity. Despite these, there is rapid growth in mobile and internet penetration; there are also clear interdependencies between telecommunications services and economic development, and between the penetration and urban-urban shifts. Sharing of mobile infrastructure would be an alternative that would lower the cost of network deployment, especially in rural areas. This will cut down the cost of building and maintaining the infrastructure. Government and policy makers would have to strive to build sustainable business models that support the investment in infrastructure; regional infrastructure companies should be encouraged. Also Government should create support mechanisms to support private sector investment in off-grid electrification programmes. Other immediate interventions for the regulators may include: Extending nation-wide coverage and penetration of telephone services evenly; More active enforcement activity; Improving weak infrastructural base; Encouraging more investment through import duty concession/waiver, bankloans, etc.; Local telecommunications hardware manufacturing industry; Cooperation among government agencies and, Paucity of industry information for policy planning and regulatory rule - making.

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