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# 'Delicensing 5.9 GHz band for V2V communications improves road safety'

**SAFE AND SOUND.** Move also expected to accelerate deployment of safety-enhancing applications: BIF

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The Broadband India Forum (BIF) on Monday said the government's decision to de-license 30 MHz of spectrum in the globally harmonised 5.9 GHz band for vehicle-to-vehicle (V2V) communications is a transformative step towards improving road safety, reducing traffic fatalities and enabling the next generation of connected mobility solutions in India.

**STAYING FOCUSED.** Vehicle-to-vehicle systems enable vehicles to detect hazards beyond the drivers' line of sight

## 'DECISION TIMELY'

It said several Indian automobile manufacturers have already begun integrating on-board units (OBUs) capable of operating in this band, making the government's decision both timely and critical for supporting the V2V technology deployment in the country.

"This decision is not merely about spectrum policy; it is fundamentally about saving lives, especially at a time when India is witnessing an unacceptably high number of road accidents and fatalities. Delicensing this band for V2V will accelerate adoption of advanced safety technologies by automobile manufacturers, strengthen India's connected mobility ecosystem, reduce the enormous socio-economic burden of road accidents and support the development of intelligent transportation systems that are essential for the future of mobility," said TV Ramachandran, President, BIF.

The benefits will extend far beyond the automotive sector and contribute significantly to public safety, economic productivity and national welfare, he added. Recently, the DoT, through Gazette notifications, informed of de-licensing spectrum bands for automotive radar and vehicle-to-everything (V2X or V2I) communication, clearing the regulatory path for next-generation road safety technology in India.

The DoT notified on-boarding units enabling Cellular Vehicle-to-Everything (C-V2X) communication in the 5875-5905 MHz band (or 5.875-5.925 GHz band), where radar gives a vehicle the ability to sense its immediate surroundings.

In another notification, the DoT gave a go-ahead for the 77–81 GHz frequency band, used for short-range automotive radar systems.

BIF also said the delicensing of the 5.9 GHz band is expected to accelerate deployment of a broad range of safety-enhancing applications, including collision avoidance systems, emergency braking alerts, blind-spot warnings, intersection safety systems, vulnerable road-user protection and other advanced driver assistance technologies.

## ROAD ACCIDENTS

The decision comes at a time when India continues to face one of the world's most serious road safety challenges. The country records over 4.6 lakh road accidents and nearly 1.7 lakh fatalities annually, resulting in an enormous human, social and economic burden on the nation.

The financial burden of road accidents has been estimated at 3.14 per cent of the nation's GDP.