than those in the same month last year.

■ TRAI Recommends 'Infra' Status to Telecom, Broadcasting

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has recommended that the government consider and grant "infrastructure" status to the telecom and broadcasting sector, which would help in attracting investments for the sector's growth. In its reommendations on improving Ease of Doing Business, the TRAI has vouched in favour of simplifying and streamlining the regulatory processes, reducing red tape. and enhancing transparency in the sector which necessitates the establishment of a user-friendly, transparent, and responsive digital single-window system-based portal. The portal should be equipped with new digital technologies to facilitate endto-end inter-departmental online processes.