

Govt focussed on semi conductor industry, says Ashwini Vaishnaw

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Minister for Electronics, Railways and Telecom Ashwini Vaishnaw on Tuesday said that the government is focussing on the semi conductor industry for India.

"We are talking to all stakeholders in semi conductor industry. It's a new industry and an uphill task, but we are committed to do what is needed," he said.

Addressing the scope for growth in the semiconductor industry, Vaishnaw said that a lot of interest has been shown by stakeholders in the sector, "We should see a vibrant



semi-conductor industry in the next three to four years".

Vaishnaw, who was addressing the CII Partnership Summit, while commenting on developments in the telecom sector said, "Time has

come where we need at least one more source in telecom sector. The world has handful of players, which is a barrier in many ways. India thus decided to make an end to end stack of telecom technology. We took that as a challenge and within two and a half years, a world class telecom stack is ready and is getting deployed as we speak. We recently tested it for 10 million simultaneous calls." Vaishnaw also said, "we are investing about \$8 billion in providing 4G and 5G services till the last mile." Affordability, the minister added, is extremely important in digitisation of India.