

D: prevailing demand
 D_T : threshold level of demand with
 S: prevailing supply of backbone

Table 2: Likely growth in backbone, and requisite policy response in situations for which the investment in backbone is commercially VIABLE

Demand/Supply Situation	Salient Feature	Likelihood of Increase in backbone	Requisite policy response for increasing backbone
(1) $D > S > D_T$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Definite situation of supply constraint - excess demand in comparison to supply (i.e. waiting list in market) 	Likely, if supply constraint is addressed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Address factors constraining supply - Increasing demand will not help increase backbone
(2) $D > D_T > S$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Severe supply constraint - excess demand in comparison to supply (i.e. waiting list in market) 	Likely, if supply constraint is addressed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Address factors constraining supply - Increasing demand will not help increase backbone
(3) $S > D > D_T$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Definite situation of demand constraint - no excess demand in comparison to supply (i.e. no waiting list in market) 	Unlikely, unless demand constraint is addressed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increase prevailing demand