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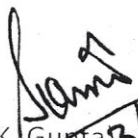
Telecom Regulatory Authority of India

New Delhi, the 23rd of October, 2019: Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) today released a Consultation Paper on 'Cloud Services' seeking comments of all stakeholders. Full text of the consultation paper is available on TRAI's website at [www.trai.gov.in](http://www.trai.gov.in).

2. Earlier, TRAI issued recommendations on 'Cloud Services' on the 16<sup>th</sup> of August, 2017, covering legal and regulatory framework for Cloud Services, overarching and comprehensive legal framework for data protection, interoperability and portability, legal framework for Cloud Service Providers (CSPs) operating in multiple jurisdictions, cost-benefits analysis etc. Further, DoT vide letter dated 27<sup>th</sup> September 2018, conveyed that Government of India has considered the recommendations of TRAI and sought additional recommendations from TRAI on terms and condition of registration of Industry body, eligibility, entry fee, period of registration, and governance structure etc.

3. The objective of this Consultation Paper is to analyse and discuss the matters relevant for prescribing a framework for registration of industry bod(y)(ies) for cloud service providers. The paper covers issues like Eligibility criteria for registration of CSPs' industry body, Obligations of CSPs' industry body, Membership policy and other policy issues related to Governance Structure. The consultation is focused and limited to the subject matters on which DoT has sought additional recommendations from TRAI vide above mentioned reference letter dated 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2018,

4. Comments on the issues raised in the consultation paper are invited from the stakeholders by 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 and counter comments, if any, by 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2019. The comments and counter-comments may be sent, preferably in electronic format at [advqos@trai.gov.in](mailto:advqos@trai.gov.in). For any clarifications or information, Shri Asit Kadayan, Advisor (QOS), TRAI may be contacted at Telephone Number +91-11-23230404, FAX Number +91-11-23213036.

  
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