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Telecom Regulatory Authority of India

Permitting Trading of Spectrum in India

New Delhi, 23rd August, 2013 – On 22nd August 2013, the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has sought the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India's (TRAI) recommendations on permitting trading of spectrum obtained through auction and the attendant legal, regulatory and technical framework. Copy of the reference from the DoT has been placed on TRAI's web site www.trai.gov.in.

Earlier, TRAI had issued a Consultation Paper on "Valuation and Reserve Price of Spectrum" on 23rd July 2013. In this paper, TRAI had *suo motu* raised the issue of spectrum trading in the country and had requested comments/counter-comments from the stakeholders on the following issues:

"Is it right time to permit spectrum trading in India? If yes, what should be the legal, regulatory and technical framework required for trading?"

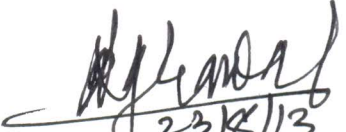
The last date for receipt of comments and counter-comments was 14th August 2013 and 21st August 2013 respectively. The open-house discussion on issues raised in the consultation paper is slated to be held on 26th August 2013 in New Delhi.

In response to the consultation paper, 31 comments and 6 counter-comments have been received from stakeholders, which include their responses on the issue of spectrum trading in India.

However, in the interest of transparency and full disclosure, the Authority has decided to give further time upto 29th August 2013 to all the stakeholders for giving any additional comments on the issues pertaining to permitting spectrum trading in the country, referred by the DoT in its letter dated 22nd August 2013.

In the open house discussion, to be held on 26th August 2013, the stakeholders will also be permitted to make their submissions on the subject.

The comments may be sent, preferably in electronic form at trai.jams@gmail.com. For any clarification/ information Shri Arvind Kumar, Advisor (NSL), TRAI may be contacted at Tel. No.+91-11-23220209 Fax No.+91-11-23230056.


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