



## RESPONSES TO

## TRAI Consultation Paper on issues related to Community Radio Stations



Telecom Regulatory Authority of India



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## Summary

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has been asked to provide its recommendations on four issues concerning Community Radio Stations (CRS) to rework the policies governing CRS.

A CRS is a short-range radio service serving a local and well-defined community. It focuses on the day-to-day concerns and entertainment needs of its local audience.

## Key aspects of the current CRS Policy:

1. Educational institutes and community-based groups, including civil society voluntary organisations, registered societies and public trusts registered under the Societies Act or any other applicable Act, are eligible to apply for CRS authorisation.
2. The licence is valid for five years from the date of operationalisation, and an extension of five and ten years can be achieved after due verification.
3. The maximum duration of limited advertising is seven minutes per hour of broadcast.

The four issues for which recommendations are being sought are as follows:

## Non-Profit Corporations:

1. Should non-profit corporations established under Section 8 of the Companies Act 2013 be allowed to operate CRSs?
2. Should the present terms and conditions for constructing CRSs and the Government's supporting plan be extended to such non-profit organisations?
3. Should not-for-profit organisations that operate in many districts be permitted to establish numerous CRS in their region of operation? If so, should such approvals be subject to any extra terms and conditions?
4. Should the number of licences provided to such non-profit organisations be limited?

## Licence Renewal:

1. What should be the time of extension/renewal after the first licence expires?
2. What should be the terms and conditions for licence renewal/extension?
3. What should be the list of requirements that must be supplied by the organisation operating a CRS when applying for renewal?
4. What should be the prescribed licence time for CRS?

## Duration of Advertisement:

1. Should the current time limit of 7 minutes per hour for CRS advertisements be revised?

## CRS Growth:



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RINESH

Satisfied with advertisement timing



Bimlesh Kumar

Offering community radio station (CRS) to educational institutions and community based organisations is a welcome move, it will enhance education and community growth.



Ms. Babita

Good !!!



### Other responses



Citizen Leader [Name undisclosed]

Good !!!



Citizen Leader [Name undisclosed]

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Citizen Leader [Name undisclosed]

A much needed policy intervention.



Citizen Leader [Name undisclosed]

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Good Policy!!



Citizen Leader [Name undisclosed]

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Citizen Leader [Name undisclosed]

Somewhat Satisfied



Citizen Leader [Name undisclosed]

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