



TELECOM REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF INDIA



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**Chairman TRAI with Brahima Sanou Director of the ITU
Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) and David
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Learning Systems at UNESCO**



Chairman TRAI in Q&A session in Panel Session 3: Regulation as a Catalyst for Innovation at Algeria



Chairman, TRAI chair the session on "Digital Convergence India" at ITPO's 26th Convergence India 2018 Expo and IoT India Expo held at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi from 7-9 March 2018



Chairman TRAI visited GPON installation under Bharatnet project at Kanke block and Arsande GP on 8th March 2018 and discussed operation and maintenance issues with BBNL and BSNL officers



Chairman TRAI in a Q&A session, India Mobile Conclave 2018 at New Delhi.

Open House Discussions

1. Open House Discussion (OHD) on the Consultation Paper on “Promoting Local Telecom Equipment Manufacturing”

Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) conducted an Open House Discussion (OHD) on 14th March, 2018 in New Delhi on the Consultation Paper on “Promoting Local Telecom Equipment Manufacturing”. The OHD was attended by Telecom Service Providers, Associations of Telecom Service Providers Manufactures, Manufacture’s Associations, International Business Organizations, Consumer Advocacy Groups, Consultants, Academicians and Experts.

1. Recommendation

1.1 TRAI Response to back-reference dated 22.11.2017 received from Department of Telecommunications on TRAI’s recommendations on In-Building Access by Telecom Service Providers dated 20.01.2017

The Authority had sent its recommendations on “In-Building Access by Telecom Service Providers” on 27.01.2017 to the Department of Telecommunications (DoT). On 22.11.2017, DoT sought considered opinion of TRAI on their comments/observations on the recommendations received from TRAI.

The Authority has furnished its response to the Government on 09.03.2018. The detailed response of the Authority has been placed on TRAI’s website (www.traigov.in/release-publication/recommendation).

2. Directions

2.1 Direction dated 16.03.2018 to all UASPs/BSOs/CMSPs regarding withdrawal of direction No. 406-1/2005-FN dated 09.06.2005 .

A committee was formed in TRAI, comprising of telecom service providers and associations, for purging of infructuous/redundant regulations.

2. The committee, in its recommendation dated 31.01.2018, recommended that Direction No. 406-1/2005-FN dated 09.06.2005 to be purged as no more complaints are being received on the issue and most of the TSPs are operating Pan India. The Recommendations of the Committee regarding this Direction are as under:

Direction	Recommendation of the committee
Direction No. 406-1/2005-FN dated 9 th June 2005 – TSPs are required to submit quarterly report on radio spillage for provision of Wireless Services outside the Licensed Service Area.	To be Purged as no more complaints are being received on the issue and most of the TSPs are operating pan-India.

3. In accordance with the recommendation of the committee, TRAI, vide its Direction dated 16.03.2018 decided to withdraw its direction no. 406-1/2005-FN dated 09.06.2005.

2.2 Direction dated 20.03.2018 to all Access Providers, NLDOs & ILDOs on reporting of International Long Distance Traffic Minutes.

With regard to International Long Distance Traffic Minutes, the Committee observed that the service providers, that do not provide switched voice services under NLD/ILD license, have been filing 'NIL' report.

2. The committee on 31.01.2018 recommended as under on the subject.

Direction	Recommendation of the committee
ILD/NLDOs, not providing switched voice services under ILN/NLD License, can be exempted from submitting these reports, namely, POI Interconnect Report, ILD Traffic, ILD Format 3,5,6,7 etc.	To be purged with a rider that these operators need to submit their report as and when they start voice service.

3. In accordance with the recommendation of the committee, TRAI, vide its Direction dated 20.03.2018 directed that Access Providers, NLDOs & ILDOs, that do not provide switched voice services are exempted from submitting reports of the International Long Distance Traffic Minutes. However, these operators shall submit their reports in the prescribed format as and when they start providing switched voice service.

3. Other Information

5.1 Telecom Subscription Data as on 28th February, 2018

Particulars	No. of Wireless subscribers (in Millions)	No. of Wire-line Subscribers (in Millions)	No. of Total subscribers (Wireless + Wire-line) (in Millions)
Urban Subscription	650.03	19.60	669.63
Rural Subscription	506.84	3.37	510.20
Total Subscription	1156.87	22.97	1179.83
Overall Tele-density	89.12	1.77	90.89
Share of Urban Subscription	56.19%	85.34%	56.76%
Share of Rural Subscription	43.81%	14.66%	43.24%
No. of Broadband Subscribers	374.34	17.72	392.06

Active wireless subscribers on the date of Peak VLR in February, 2018 were 981.21 million.

In the month of February, 2018, 6.57 million requests were made for MNP. Till the end of Feb. 18, a total of 351.16 million consumers have availed MNP facility since its implementation.

4. Workshops and Consumer Outreach Programmes

(i) Workshop on Capacity Building of CAGs and on Consumer Education

1 Manali (Himachal Pradesh) 28.03.2018



Regional Workshop at Manali (Himachal Pradesh)

(ii) Consumer Outreach Programmes

1	Datia (Madhya Pradesh)	08.03.2018
2	Panchkula (Haryana)	13.03.2018
3	Durg (Chhatisgarh)	15.03.2018
4	Gondia (Maharashtra)	16.03.2018
5	Cooch Behar (West Bengal)	22.03.2018
6	Jharsuguda (Odisha)	22.03.2018
7	Alibaug (Maharashtra)	23.03.2018
8	Dwarka (Gujarat)	28.03.2018
9	Chikmagalur (Karnataka)	28.03.2018
10	Imphal (Manipur)	28.03.2018

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CoP at Datia (Madhya Pradesh) held on 08.03.2018



CoP at Panchkula (Haryana) held on 13.03.2018



CoP at Durg (Chhatisgarh) held on 15.03.2018



CoP at Cooch Behar (West Bengal) held on 22.03.2018



CoP at Dwarka (Gujarat) held on 28.03.2018

Full details of the Directions/Orders, Consultation Paper/Report, Subscription Data, etc mentioned in this newsletter are available on TRAI website www.trai.gov.in

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