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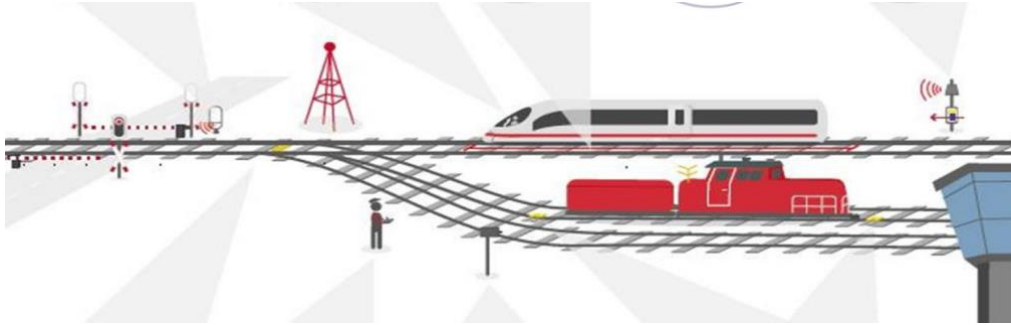


Dr. P.D. Vaghela, Chairman, TRAI shared views in the virtual session on “Towards the new concept of the Regulatory Framework” during the 22nd APT Policy and Regulatory Forum (PRF-22) held from 19-21 July 2022

YEARS
ANNIVERSARY

1. Consultation Papers

1. TRAI released a Consultation Paper on “Spectrum Requirements of National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) for Train Control System for RRTS Corridors”



Department of Telecommunications (DoT) through their letter dated 29th November 2021 informed TRAI that National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) has requested DoT for allotment of spectrum for Train Control System for Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) being implemented by NCRTC in 8 rail corridors. It includes 3 rail corridors of approximate length of 350 Km along Delhi – Ghaziabad – Meerut, Delhi – Gurugram – Alwar, Delhi – Panipat in Phase-I.

In this background, DoT requested TRAI to provide:

- (i) Recommendations on administrative assignment of spectrum to NCRTC and the quantum, pricing/charging thereof and any other terms and conditions, for separate spectrum requirements of NCRTC in 700 MHz band.
- (ii) Any other recommendations deemed fit for the purpose, including assignment of the same spectrum for other RRTS/Metro rail network pan-India.

In this regard, a Consultation Paper on “Spectrum Requirements of National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) for Train Control System for RRTS Corridors”, was released on 9th June 2022 seeking inputs from the stakeholders and placed on TRAI’s website (www.trai.gov.in). Through the consultation paper, specific issues on the subject matter have been raised for consideration of stakeholders. Written comments on the issues raised in the Consultation Paper were invited from the stakeholders’ comments and counter comments up to 14th July 2022 and 28th July 2022, respectively.

https://tra.gov.in/sites/default/files/CP_09062022.pdf



2. Events

2.1 High-Level Policy Sessions during WSIS (World Summit on the Information Society) Forum 2022 held on 1st June 2022:

Dr. P.D. Vaghela, Chairman, TRAI expressed views on 'Inclusiveness, Access to Information and Knowledge for All - Bridging the Digital Divides' in the High-Level Policy Sessions during WSIS (World Summit on the Information Society) Forum 2022 held on 1st June 2022



2.2 D2M Broadcast & 5G Broadband Convergence Roadmap on 1st June 22:

TRAI Chairman, Dr. P.D. Vaghela delivered the keynote address on the Conclave on D2M Broadcast & 5G Broadband Convergence Roadmap for India organized by IIT Kanpur, Prasar Bharati and TSDSI on 1st June 2022.



2.3 CDOT Visit on 6th June 2022:

Dr. P.D. Vaghela, Chairman, TRAI visited CDOT for India indigenous technologies & encouraged research to innovate for AtmaNirbhar Bharat and offered novel ideas for strengthening an indigenous Telecom ecosystem in collaboration with relevant stakeholders on 6th June 2022.



2.4 The release of the “Test Guide Document for CAS and SMS for Broadcasting sector” held on 15th June 2022

TRAI and Telecommunication Engineering Centre (TEC) released the “Test Guide Document for Conditional Access System (CAS) and Subscriber Management Systems (SMS) for Broadcasting Sector” on 15th June 2022. The release of the Test Guide document was held in the presence of the Secretary (MIB) and Secretary (Telecom). Representatives from the industry, including major Broadcasters and Distribution Platform Operators (DPOs), expert bodies like C-DAC, STQC, BECIL, TEC and representatives from media participated in the event.



2.5 International Yoga Day 2022 at TRAI HQ, New Delhi on 21st June 2022

On June 21, 2022, 8th International Yoga Day was successfully organized in the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India office in New Delhi. The Secretary, TRAI and other senior officers/officials performed general yoga exercises for "Yoga for Humanity" with physical presence. General Yoga Protocol (Protocol) was carried out at TRAI Headquarters specifically adhering to physical distancing norms and basic protective measures. Simultaneously, a general yoga practice program was organized in all the regional offices also to commemorate the 8th International Yoga Day.



2.6 SATRC Working Group meeting during 21 – 23 June 2022:

TRAI hosted the South Asian Telecommunications Regulators' Council (SATRC) Working Group meeting on 'Spectrum' at TRAI Head Office, New Delhi from 21 – 23 June 2022. Issues related to spectrum management, monitoring, sharing and coordinated efficient use of spectrum for different service in the region to deal with the matters related to policy, regulation and service development of Telecommunication and ICT sector in the region were discussed in the meeting. This working Group was chaired by Sh. S.T. Abbas, Principal Advisor, TRAI. Participants from Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Iran, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka attended the meeting.



2.7 Meeting with Multi System Operators and Community Radio Service providers, Rajasthan on 30th June 22:

TRAI Regional Office, Jaipur organized a meeting with Rajasthan Multi System Operators and Community Radio Service providers at Jaipur on 30th June 2022. Sh. S.S. Chandak, Advisor, Jaipur and Sh. Anil Kumar, Advisor (B&CS) TRAI, New Delhi addressed the gathering and answered the queries.



3. Telecom Subscriptions

3.1 Telecom Subscription Data as on 31st May 2022.

Particulars	Wireless	Wireline	Total
Urban Telephone subscribers (Millions)	624.55	23.26	647.81
Rural Telephone subscribers (Millions)	520.96	1.97	522.92
Total Telephone subscribers (Millions)	1145.50	25.23	1170.73
Overall Tele-density (%)	83.20	1.83	85.03
Share of Urban Subscription (%)	54.52	92.21	55.33
Share of Rural Subscription (%)	45.48	7.79	44.67
No. of Broadband Subscribers (Millions)	766.58	28.10	794.68

Active wireless subscribers on the date of Peak VLR in May 2022 were 1017.68 million.

In May 2022, 7.97 million subscriber requests were made for MNP. By the end of May 2022, a total of 705.54 million consumers have availed the MNP facility since its implementation.

3.2 Panel of Auditors:

TRAI released an updated list of the panel of auditors to carry out digital addressable systems from time to time. In this context, the updated list for panel of auditors was released on 23rd June 2022.

3.3 Keeping in view the ongoing consultation process, which primarily discusses issues related to discount given in the formation of the bouquet, ceiling price of channels for inclusion in bouquet, and discount offered by broadcasters to DPOs in addition to distribution fee, TRAI has released a letter dated 1st June 2022 for extending the time limit for implementation of New Regulatory Framework as under:

- a. All the Broadcasters shall report to the Authority, any change in name, nature, language, Maximum Retail Price (MRP) per month of channels, composition of bouquets and MRP of bouquets of channels as per the New Regulatory Framework 2020, by 31st August 2022 and simultaneously publish such information on their website.
- b. All the Distribution Platform Operators shall report to the Authority, distributor Retail Price (DRP) of pay channels, composition of bouquet of

pay channels/free-to-air channels and DRP of bouquets of pay channels, as per the New Regulatory Framework 2020 by 30th September 2022, and simultaneously publish such information on their websites.

- c. Further, all distributors of television channels should ensure that with effect from 30th November 2022, services to the subscribers are provided as per the bouquets or channels opted by the subscribers.

4. Consumer Outreach Programme

4 The Consumer Outreach Programme was organised in June 2022 through an online platform by the Regional Office, Kolkata:

Sl. No.	Place	Date
1	Meghalaya & Mizoram	30 th June 2022



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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