

SUB: Submission of comments on TRAI's Consultation Paper on Proliferation of Broadband through Public Wi-Fi Networks

Dear Sir,

The Digital Empowerment Foundation (DEF) wishes to thank the Hon'ble Authority for the opportunity to submit our comments on the Consultation Paper on Proliferation of Broadband through Public Wi-Fi Networks.

Digital Empowerment Foundation is a New Delhi-based not-for-profit organization. It was born out of the deep understanding that marginalized communities living in socio-economic backwardness and information poverty can be empowered to improve their lives almost on their own, simply by providing them access to information and knowledge using digital tools.

We recognize unhindered and universal access to the internet as a key driver of development and empowerment amongst the digital excluded masses in India. We are glad that the TRAI has sought inputs on a regulatory position on the creation of public Wi-Fi hotspots across the country.

Our formal response on the Consultation Paper is attached. We would be delighted to share more information on proliferation of Wi-Fi Public networks.