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Dr. P.D. Vaghela, Chairman, TRAI and Secretary, TRAI visited Airtel Network Experience Centre and 5G Lab at Cyber Hub, Gurugram on 27th October 2021

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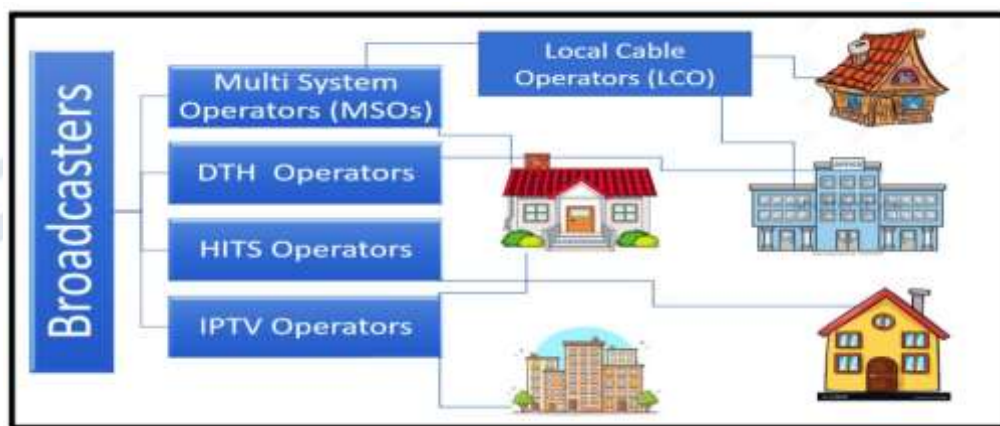
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1. Consultation Papers

1.1 Consultation Paper on "Market Structure/Competition in cable TV services" dated 25th October 2021



TRAI received a back reference on 19th Feb 2021 from Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MIB) in the context of the TRAI recommendations on Monopoly/Market dominance in the cable TV services dated 26th November 2013 mentioning that a considerable time has passed since the recommendations were made and that the media and entertainment (M&E) landscape has changed drastically, particularly with the advent of new digital technologies in this sector, MIB felt that some of the issues need further consideration by the Authority and it may provide a fresh set of recommendations in the matter looking at the subsequent developments/expansion in the M&E sector.

Accordingly, TRAI issued consultation paper on "Market Structure/Competition in cable TV services" dated 25th October 2021 for comments from the stakeholders.

The consultation paper discussed the overview of broadcasting sector and the level of competition in TV distribution, monopoly/market dominance issues in the cable industry, quantifying methods such as concentration ratio, learners index, Herfindahl- Hirschman Index (HHI) etc.

The last date for receiving of written comments was 22nd November 2021 and for Counter comments, 6th December 2021.

https://traigov.in/sites/default/files/CP_25102021.pdf



2. Webinar



The Regional Office of TRAI, Hyderabad has organized a Webinar through online on “Internet of Things (IoT)-Trends, Security challenges & Solutions” using Airtel Meet Platform on 28th October, 2021.

The webinar was conducted to discuss various aspects of Internet of Things (IoT)-Trends, Security challenges & Solutions.

Shri Sanjeev Banzal was the Chief Guest and delivered the keynote address.

Smt P. Rajalaxmi, Professor, IIT Hyderabad, Shri A. Robert Ravi, DDG, DoT, Vijayawada & Shri Subrata Kumar Mitra, VP & Head, Govt.& Industry Relations, Ericsson spoken on the subject in this Webinar.

3. Workshop

3.1 TRAI conducted Workshop on Capacity Building of Consumer Advocacy Groups held on 18th October 2021 at Manali:



Workshop at Manali (Himachal Pradesh) held on 18th October 2021

TRAI organised Regional Workshop on Capacity Building of Consumer Advocacy Groups (CAGs) on 18th October 2021 at Manali (Himachal Pradesh) for capacity development of CAGs, Telecom Service Providers and other stakeholders. The Regional Workshop has been attended by the representatives of Telecom Service Providers and Consumer Advocacy Groups of Gujarat and Rajasthan. During the workshop the participants discussed various initiatives taken by TRAI in recent times to protect the interest of telecom Consumers.

In this workshop CAGs have shared information about their organisational efforts in creating awareness of telecom consumers, participation in various consumer educational activities and resolution of appeals. Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) have explained the participants about the steps taken by them towards consumer protection and grievance redressal, measures taken towards enhancing consumer education, various mobile apps developed for increased accessibility.

Important Event



Dr. P.D. Vaghela, Chairman, TRAI during his official program in Himachal Pradesh, visited of Common Service Centre (CSC) and review Digital Literacy and Digital Inclusion aspects at Mandi on 15th October 2021.



Dr. P.D. Vaghela, Chairman, TRAI met consumer representatives and local officials of TSPs to assess the ground situation and to discuss measures to improve connectivity for the hilly district of Lahaul and Spiti at Keylong and Udaipur during 16-17 October 2021

4. Telecom Subscriptions

4.1 Telecom Subscription Data as on 30th September 2021.

Particulars	Wireless	Wireline	Total
Urban Telephone subscribers (Millions)	637.89	21.20	659.09
Rural Telephone subscribers (Millions)	528.13	1.93	530.06
Total Telephone subscribers (Millions)	1166.02	23.13	1189.15
Overall Tele-density (%)	85.20	1.69	86.89
Share of Urban Subscription (%)	54.71	91.66	55.43
Share of Rural Subscription (%)	45.29	8.34	44.57
No. of Broadband Subscribers (Millions)	770.49	24.39	794.88

Active wireless subscribers on the date of Peak VLR in September 2021 were 995.67 million.

In September 2021, 10.10 million subscriber requests were made for MNP. By the end of September 2021, a total of 638.25 million consumers have availed the MNP facility since its implementation.

4.2 Panel of Auditors (Updated List) to carry out audit of Digital Addressable Systems (DAS) dated 21st October 2021

TRAI releases updated list of panel of auditors to carry out digital addressable systems from time to time. In this context, TRAI released the updated list for panel of auditors on 21st October 2021.

https://traigov.in/sites/default/files/Auditor_list_21102021_0.pdf



5. Events

5.1 The following Consumer Outreach Programmes were organised during October 2021 through the online platform:

Sl. No.	Place	Date
1	Port Blair, A&N Islands	8 th October 2021
2	Tamilnadu	21 st October 2021
3	Patna, (Bihar)	26 th October 2021
4	Rajasthan	29 th October 2021
5	Madhya Pradesh	29 th October 2021

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CoP for Port Blair, A&N Islands held on 8th October 2021



CoP for Tamilnadu held on 21st October 2021



CoP for Patna, (Bihar) held on 26th October 2021



CoP for Rajasthan held on 29th October 2021



CoP for Madhya Pradesh held on 29th October 2021


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

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