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Telecom Regulatory Authority of India

TRAI releases Recommendations on “Delivering Broadband Quickly: What do we need to do?”

New Delhi, 17th April, 2015 – The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has today issued its Recommendations on **“Delivering Broadband Quickly: What do we need to do?”**.

2. The Authority issued the Consultation Paper on “Delivering Broadband Quickly: What do we need to do?” on 24.09.2014 to discuss issues contributing to broadband penetration in India and to solicit stakeholders’ views on action required to be taken both by the Government and the private sector to accelerate the proliferation and use of broadband in the country. The comments and counter-comments received from the stakeholders were placed on the TRAI’s website. An Open House Discussion was held on 30.10.2014 in New Delhi with the stakeholders.

3. The Authority has noted with serious concern the slow penetration and adoption of broadband in the country. Facts are:

- India ranks 125th in the world for fixed broadband penetration with only 1.2 per 100 inhabitants having access to fixed broadband; the global average is 9.4 per 100 inhabitants.
- In terms of household penetration within developing countries, India is ranked 75th with a penetration of 13%.
- In the wireless broadband space too, India is ranked 113th with a penetration of 3.2 per 100 inhabitants.
- In terms of ‘ICT access, ICT use and ICT skills’ India ranks 129th out of total 166 countries. Indonesia (106), Sri Lanka (116), Sudan (122), Bhutan (123), Kenya (124) are ranked above India.
- India is categorized in the Least Connected Countries Group of 42 countries that fall within the low IDI group.

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