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TRAI issues Direction to All Access Providers, NLDOs and ILDOs on reporting of International Long Distance Traffic Minutes

To create an institutional system to ensure that the traffic of legitimate international call providers is not under reported and grey market calls on this count are kept in check, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India had set up an Expert Group consisting of representatives from DoT (Vigilance), DOT(Licensing Cell: BS), TEC, all ILDOs and TRAI.

Detailed deliberations took place in various meetings of the Expert Group to devise a mechanism to ensure consistency of the ILD traffic minutes handled by ILDOs, NLDOs and Access Providers. The Expert Group recommended that consistency should be ensured for Incoming International traffic minutes as well as Outgoing International traffic minutes. Therefore, for checking consistency of Inbound and Outbound International Long Distance traffic minutes, a total of Seven Formats were finalized by the Expert Group for furnishing of ILD traffic minutes on monthly basis by all ILDOs, NLDOs and Access Providers.

The Expert Group also recommended that if on quarterly basis, the variance between traffic minutes furnished by ILDOs, NLDOs and Access Providers goes above 2%, then it should be investigated. All cases of variance of more than 2% in a particular month should be reported.

On the basis of the recommendation of Expert Group the Authority has decided that traffic minutes should be submitted by all Access Providers, NLDOs and ILDOs on monthly basis to TRAI under intimation to DOT, as per various formats recommended by the Expert Group and approved by TRAI. TRAI has, therefore issued direction to All Access Providers, NLDOs and ILDOs on 19th

January 2006 that the traffic minutes should be submitted on monthly basis with effect from the month of January, 2006 and onwards to TRAI by all ILDOs, NLDOs and Access Providers in prescribed formats, by 15th of the following month.

The Direction issued by TRAI and prescribed formats are available on its website www.traigov.in.