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Telecom Regulatory Authority of India

Subject: Conference on "Rating of Buildings or Areas for Digital Connectivity" on 16.11.2022 at India Habitat Centre New Delhi.

New Delhi, 16th November, 2022- In the year 2022, when country is celebrating *Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav*, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has also completed 25-years of its existence. In continuation to its year long Silver Jubilee celebrations, TRAI today organized a Conference on "**Rating of Buildings or Areas for Digital Connectivity**" at India Habitat Center, Lodi Road New Delhi.

2. The Conference was inaugurated by the Chairman TRAI, Dr. P. D. Vaghela in a well-attended inaugural session. The inaugural session was graced by presence of Member Technology DCC DoT, Member TRAI and senior Officers from Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Department of Telecommunication, Town and Country Planning Organisation, various State Governments, Development Authorities, NAREDCO, BIS, BEE, representative from telecom and real estate Industry etc.

3. The conference was organised in the spirit of the proactive role of TRAI to work in collaboration with industry and other stakeholders and ensure good Quality Telecom Services are delivered to the consumers inside the building keeping pace with the new and emerging technologies. In this regard, TRAI had issued a consultation paper on Rating of Buildings or Areas for Digital Connectivity, on 25th March 2022, wherein extensive participation from various stakeholders is witnessed. The stakeholders submitted inputs and comments on the issues raised and also shared their thoughts in Open House Session.

4. Chairman TRAI, Dr. P.D. Vaghela in his keynote and Inaugural address, put forth the background of the conference and underlined the importance of good digital connectivity, in present era. We all have adopted to this new norm of life of performing our day to day tasks through online mode and for this we require good digital connectivity in every nook and corner of the apartment. For providing digital connectivity in indoor areas, TSPs actions alone will not suffice rather close collaboration and coordination among multitude of agencies/ stakeholders from telecom side, real estate sector, permission granting authorities etc., is required for this new eco system to work effectively. Chairman TRAI, advocated for close coordination among various stakeholders for ensuring co-design and co-creation of Digital Connectivity Infrastructure along with building plan. There should be necessary provisions in Building bye-laws for co-creation of DCI and standards in the National Building Code of India. He urged all the three tiers of the Government i.e. Center, State and Local Governments, to update their bye-laws/ housing acts to make provision for robust,

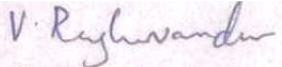
effective and efficient digital connectivity infrastructure for real delightful experience of end users.

Chairman TRAI also advocated to create a win-win situation to builder, telecom service providers and end users' experience, by creating a framework for benchmarking of buildings in terms of Digital Connectivity experience rating. The rating widely published shall attract buyers and thereby enable service providers and builders to add values to their services or properties.

5. The deliberations at the conference were held in three sessions. The first session focused on *Quest for Good Digital Connectivity* and the speakers from DoT, TCPO, BEE, UL Standards and Engagements Inc. and DIPA shared their views. The second session was on *Digital tools and Platforms for DCI players* wherein speakers from Telecom Industry, iBwave, Ericsson and Deloitte presented their thoughts on varied topics. The third session was dedicated to *Panel Discussions* in which apart from TRAI officers, experts from NAREDCO, TEC, NTIPRIT, TCPO, COAI, UL Standards, ISPAI etc., participated and deliberated on the issues.

The conference was successful in getting quality inputs from the stakeholders of various organisations and TRAI shall consider these while finalising its recommendations on this topic.

6. For more information on this Conference, kindly contact Shri Anand Kumar Singh, Advisor (QoS), Telecom Regulatory Authority of India, on email: advqos@traigov.in, or may be contacted at Tel. No: +91-11-2323-0404, Fax: +91-11-2321-3036.


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