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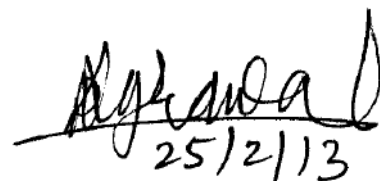
Telecom Regulatory Authority of India

New Delhi, the 25th February, 2013: Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has today released a Consultation Paper on 'Review of Tariff for National Roaming'.

The tariff for National Roaming Services was last specified by the Authority through Telecommunication Tariff Order (44th Amendment) dated 24th January, 2007. In view of the changes in regimes governing some of the cost components which formed part of the national roaming charges, the Authority decided to conduct a comprehensive review.

The consultation paper issued today analyzes the pros and cons of different approaches to the regulation of tariffs for national roaming. The possibility of mandating free national roaming as envisaged in National Telecom Policy, 2012 has been deliberated in the Consultation Paper with a detailed impact analysis. In addition, the paper also seeks the views of stakeholders on the tariff regime for video calls and SMS while on national roaming and on the desirability of allowing Special Tariff Vouchers (STVs) for national roaming service.

The consultation paper on 'Review of Tariff for National Roaming' has been uploaded on TRAI's website (www.trai.gov.in). The written comments on the issues raised in the consultation paper are invited from the stakeholders by 18th March, 2013. For any clarifications on the afore-said consultation paper, Shri Manish Sinha, Advisor (F&EA), Telecom Regulatory Authority of India, Mahanagar Doorsanchar Bhawan, Jawahar Lal Nehru Marg, New Delhi-110002. (Tel: +91-11-23221509 Fax: +91-11-23236650, email-id: manishsinha@trai.gov.in) may be contacted.



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