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TRAI releases Consultation Paper on- "Interconnection and Tariff issues related to HITS services"

New Delhi, 6th April, 2010 - The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has today released a consultation paper on "Interconnection and Tariff issues related to HITS services".

2. The guidelines for providing Headend-In-The-Sky (HITS) broadcasting service in India have been issued by the Government on 26th November 2009. The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has requested TRAI to revisit the Interconnection Regulations and issue Tariff Orders for promotion of HITS services. This consultation paper intends to seek the views of the stakeholders on issues relating to amendments to the Interconnection Regulations and tariff dispensation for HITS services in India.

3. The Authority has invited all stakeholders to respond to the issues raised in this consultation paper by 26th April, 2010. Comments will be posted on TRAI website as and when received. Counter comments, if any, to the comments received may be sent to TRAI by 3rd May, 2010. The full text of the consultation paper is available on TRAI's website: www.trai.gov.in .

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