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Mr. Ashok Sud has taken over as Secretary General of AUSPI with effect from 1st October 2012. He succeeds Mr. S C Khanna

I. [THE INDIAN TELECOM SERVICES PERFORMANCE INDICATORS REPORT QE MARCH 2012](#)

- ❖ Total Subscriber – 951.34 Million
- ❖ Urban Subscribers – 620.52 Million
- ❖ Rural Subscribers – 330.82 Million
- ❖ Total Wireless Subscribers – 919.17 Million
- ❖ Monthly ARPU GSM Service – Rs. 97/-
- ❖ Monthly ARPU CDMA Full Mobility Service – Rs. 75/-

II. [TRAI DIRECTIONS / NOTIFICATION / CONSULTATION PAPER/ LETTERS](#)

- A. On 24th September 2012, TRAI vide letter no. 416-3/2012-NSL, reminded the Industry Associations & TSPs to furnish the Information on International Bandwidth details latest by 27th September 2012.
- B. On 19th September 2012, TRAI has issued Fourth Amendment to the Telecommunications Mobile Number Portability Regulations 2009. TRAI has amended the regulations to incorporate provisions for levying financial disincentives.

As per the amendment, a financial disincentive of Rs. 5000/- will be levied for each contravention and a financial disincentive of Rs. 10000/- will be levied for each rejection. These regulations will come into effect after 60 days.

- C. On 19th September 2012, TRAI has issued a Telecommunication Tariff (Fifty Second Amendment) Order (TTO) prescribing financial disincentives on the service providers in the following situations:-
- i. Violation of Reporting Requirement : a late fee of Rs.5,000/- per day, subject to a maximum of rupees two lakhs.
 - ii. Levy of Excess Charges: not exceeding the amount of excess charges levied, in addition to the refund made to affected subscribers.

- D. On 18th September 2012, TRAI has issue "Intelligent Network Services in Multi Operator and Multi Network Scenario (Amendment) Regulations 2012" in order to facilitate agreements between service providers in time bound manner for Intelligent Network (IN) Services such as Virtual Calling Card (VCC), Free Phone Services etc.
- E. On 18th September 2012, TRAI has issued 'The Telecommunications Interconnection (Port Charges) (Second Amendment) Regulations 2012'. In the present amendment ceiling for providing port Tandem / TAX Switch has been specified as Rs. 10000/- per port per annum and for port providing MSC the ceiling has be specified as Rs. 4000/- per port per annum. These revised port charges will be effective from 1st October 2012.
- F. On 14th September 2012, TRAI issued a direction on guidelines on blackout days prescribing additional measures as follows:
- i. The charges for calls or SMSs on 'blackout' days shall not exceed the rate in the tariff plan in which the consumer is enrolled;
 - ii. Consumers shall be given intimation prior to start of every 'blackout' day and the date/ occasion of the blackout day shall also be intimated; and
 - iii. List of 'blackout' days applicable for the calendar year shall be displayed on the website of service providers, before start of every calendar year and shall be published, service area wise, along with the tariff plans of
- G. On 14th September 2012, TRAI vide OM no. 903-2/2011-MS(Vol-III) intimated the Association about a workshop organized by TRAI on 'Issues involved in implementation of Emergency Communication System' scheduled to be held on 31st October 2012 in India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.
- H. On 7th September 2012, TRAI issued a Direction on measures for addressing the

menace of missed calls (wangiri calls) from international locations prompting customers to respond. the Authority has directed all Access Service providers as follows:

- i. *Ensure that no ISD facility is activated on pre-paid SIM without the explicit consent of the consumer;*
 - ii. *Inform all pre-paid subscribers having ISD facility, through SMS, within ten days of the date of issue of this direction, that ISD facility of the subscribers shall be discontinued after sixty days and if such subscribers want to continue with ISD facility, they should give their explicit consent for availing such facility within sixty days of the receipt of the SMS;*
 - iii. *Discontinue, after the expiry of sixty days of the date on which the subscriber is informed through SMS, ISD facility of all such pre-paid cellular mobile telephone service subscribers who have not given explicit consent for continuing with ISD facility;*
 - iv. *Inform through SMS, within ten days of the date of the issue of this direction, all pre-paid cellular mobile telephone service consumers not to respond to missed calls from unknown international numbers with prefix other than "+91" or calls about winning prizes or lottery and send such SMS to the consumers every six months; and*
 - v. *Provide easy and transparent opt-in and opt-out facility to the consumers for activation or deactivation of ISD facility.*
- I. On 7th September 2012, TRAI had issued Draft "The Reporting System on Accounting Separation (Amendment) Regulations, 2012, proposing to insert a new regulation 5A in the Accounting Separation Regulations 2012 after regulation 5. The proposed regulation 5A contains provisions for imposing financial disincentives for delay in submission or submission of incomplete/incorrect information by service providers.



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TRAI has sought comments from Stakeholders on the above draft amendment by 27th September 2012.

III. DOT LETTERS

A. On 28th September 2012, DOT has placed on its website the Notice Inviting Application (NIA) which contains frequency spot details, auction rule, eligibility condition, various appln. formats, SUC details, reserve price service area wise, liberalizing of spectrum by paying auction price, amongst many other details. Gist is as follows:-

- *20 yrs validity for right to use spectrum.*
- *Last date of application 19.10.2012*
- *Mock auction 7-8th November,*
- *start of auction of 1800 MHz- 12th Nov,12.*
- *UL(Access)- Secretary DEA has certain objection.*
- *For UL(Access) N/w-Rs 2.5Cr/service area, entry fee Rs 1cr per Service area, for J&K and NE Rs 50K each.*
- *Not compulsory migration.*
- *Roll out obligation- linked to spectrum ie separate for 1800Mhz and 800Mhz.*
- *Five phases or roll out for 'new entrants' ie two stages existing and 3 phases for BHQ.s*
- *For existing only BHQ rollout obligations for acquired spectrum.*

B. On 18th September 2012, DOT vide letter no. 16-6/2011-CS-III reiterated that there is no change on DOT Directives on Implementation of Green Technologies in Telecom Sector. The letter states that DOT has considered views presented by the Industry and mandated that Telecom Service Providers should implement the DOT directives on Implementation of Green Technologies as per prescribed schedule and as per prescribed norms. The gist of the letter is as follows:

- a. *There is no change in the formula for calculation of Carbon Footprint as prescribed by TRAI.*

- b. *Base year remains 2011*
- c. *A hybrid power definition is not required to be amended.*
- d. *Format for reporting remains same as prescribed by TRAI*
- e. *This carbon footprint network is due to the emission from Grid*

C. On 13th September 2012, DOT has placed on its website a document entitled 'Mobile Communication - Radio Waves & Safety'

D. On 6th September 2012, DOT vide email sought inputs from Industry Associations on International Telecommunications Regulations w.r.t. WCIT 2012.

E. On 5th September 2012, DOT has issued Guidelines for issue of clearance for installation of mobile towers and sought comments/feedback from stake holders by 10th December, 2012.

F. On 5th September 2012, WPC vide OM no. T-11024/3/2012-Conf intimated that a committee is constituted for review / revision of NFAP. The committee will be headed by Wireless Advisor. This committee will review the existing NFAP-2011 document and take into consideration of other available radio regulations. NFAP - 2013 shall be made effective from 1st April 2013.

G. On 4th September 2012, DoT vide letter no. 5-12/P & M/DoT/2012 sought clarification from AUSPI on Decline of subscriber Figures of July 2012.

H. On 4th September 2012, DOT vide letter no. 842-1117/2011/AS-IV/1342 has issued Test Schedule Test Procedure (TSTP) for roll-out obligations of 3G Spectrum under CMTS /UASL using WCDMA technology

I. On 3rd September 2012, WPC vide OM no. K-19012/P/FVB/JMU/032875 communicated regarding Amendment of Undertakings to be submitted in respect of SACFA applications.



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They are (i) Geo coordinates and (ii) Airport clearance.

- J. On 3rd September 2012, DOT has placed the following documents related to EMF Radiation in their website:-
- Latest instructions on mobile towers and handsets by DOT
 - Precautionary Guidelines for mobile users
 - Guidelines for issue of clearance for installation of mobile towers.

IV. DOT MEETINGS

- National IPv6 Roadmap Committee Meeting was held on 26th September 2012 in Sanchar Bhawan.
- USOF Interaction with Industry on NOFN Pilots was held on 26th September 2012 in Sanchar Bhawan.
- Meeting of working groups/leads/co leads of IPv6 task force was held on 25th September 2012 in Sanchar Bhawan.
- TEC Meeting on TRAI recommendations on approach towards Green Telecommunications was held on 21st September 2012 in TEC.
- Pre-Bid Conference on Auction Rules & Design was held on 20th September 2012 in BSNL Conference Hall.
- DCC meeting of Switching Division was held on 20th September 2012 in TEC
- First Meeting of Development Organization of Standards for Telecom in India (DOSTI) was held on 13th September 2012 in India Habitat Centre
- DCC meeting of 'N' Division was held on 11th September 2012 in TEC
- Pre bid conference for Auction of Spectrum in 1800MHz and 800 MHz band was held on 6th

September 2012 in Veneterian Conference Hall, Hotel Royal Plaza.

- J. 4th Meeting of Committee for Formulation of National IPv6 Deployment was held on 6th September 2012 in Sanchar Bhawan.

V. OTHER IMPORTANT ETTERS

- On 13th August 2012, AUSPI submitted a letter to CMD, BSNL requesting withdrawal of the BSNL Circular No 2-2/2009- R&C (CFA) (Circular R&C- CFA No. 11/11-12) dated 12.06.2012 revising Active Infrastructure charges retrospectively from 01-04-2009 based on revised classification of cities.
In response to our above letter BSNL through their letter No.6-9/201-NM (POI-Infra) dated 27th August 2012 has justified increase for the existing rental charges based on certain circular of the Government of India.
- In response to the joint industry letter to CMD, MTNL of 12th June 2012, on Review of Reference Interconnect Offer (RIO), MTNL has through their letter No.MTNL/RA/AUSPI/2012 on 24/8/2012 stated that the existing agreements were signed on mutual consent and does not require fresh agreement. However, they have agreed to discuss the issue with GM Regulation, MTNL at his convenience.

VI. AUSPI LETTERS

- On 27th September 2012, AUSPI submitted a letter to Secretary (T), DOT regarding AGR definition under the Unified License regime. AUSPI requested DOT to immediately make reference to TRAI for recommendations on AGR definition under the Unified Licensing Regime.
- On 27th September 2012, AUSPI submitted its response to TRAI's draft "The Reporting System on Accounting Separation (Amendment) Regulations, 2012".
- On 25th September 2012, AUSPI submitted a letter to Wireless Advisor, requesting their



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intervention on encountering severe interferences in GSM frequencies allocated to our Member Service Providers in Jammu city resulting in total performance deteriorating effects on their telecom services.

- F. On 25th September 2012, AUSPI submitted its proposals to DOT on International Telecommunications Regulations w.r.t. WCIT 2012.
- G. On 25th September 2012, AUSPI submitted a letter to DOT explaining the reason for Subscriber Base decline of July 2012.
- H. On 25th September 2012, AUSPI submitted its response to TRAI's draft regulation "Standards of Quality of Service of Basic Telephone Service (Wireline) & Cellular Mobile Telephone Service (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2009 (7 of 2009) on financial disincentives".
- I. On 19th September 2012, AUSPI submitted a letter to Secretary (T), DOT on Refarming of 900 Mhz spectrum.

AUSPI requested Government to undertake refarming of 900 MHz spectrum at once as already decided by Telecom commission and give clear policy guidelines immediately but not later than 15-18 months before expiry of license.

- J. On 4th September 2012, AUSPI submitted a letter to Secretary (T), DOT on Submission of Self certificate for BTS and implementation of radiation norms on EMF exposure by BTSs.

VII. JOINT INDUSTRY LETTERS

- A. On 25th September 2012, a Joint Industry letter was submitted to Chief Secretary, Rajasthan Government requesting for an appointment to discuss the recent guidelines issued by the Rajasthan State Government imposing various conditions and restrictions on installation of towers in the state of Rajasthan.
- B. On 25th September 2012, a Joint Industry letter was submitted to Minister of Urban Development & Housing, Rajasthan

Government, requesting for an appointment to discuss the recent guidelines issued by the Rajasthan State Government imposing various conditions and restrictions on installation of towers in the state of Rajasthan.

- C. On 21st September 2012, a Joint Industry letter was submitted to CMD, BSNL, seeking appointment to discuss draft revised Reference Interconnect Offer (RIO) submitted to him.
- D. On 17th September 2012, a Joint Industry submission was made to Sr. DDG, TEC on Test Procedures for Measurement of EMF form BTS.
- E. On 14th September 2012, a Joint Industry letter was submitted to Sr. DDG AS, DOT on allocation of numbering series. We requested DOT to provide updated Information regarding the allocation of numbering series to the service providers on the DoT website
- F. On 10th September 2012, a Joint Industry letter was submitted to Chairman TRAI apprising them that in compliance with the Hon'ble Rajasthan High Court Order, our member operators will shut down all their towers situated on schools in the State of Rajasthan at 9 P.M. on September 10, 2012.

In the submission, we also stated to TRAI that shutting down the tower will create reduction in the desired coverage. Thus, the industry would thus not be able to comply with the QoS as well as the coverage requirements of the Regulator/ Licensor in the state of Rajasthan.

We further requested Chairman, TRAI to kindly absolve our member operators from these requirements and all related license obligations in the state of Rajasthan.

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- H. On 7th September 2012, a Joint Industry letter was submitted to Member (T), DOT on inordinate delay in obtaining prior approval for launch of new Value Added Services.

I. ACT LETTERS

- A. On 28th September 2012, ACT submitted a letter to Member (T), DOT on Extension of Security Safeguards Applicable in J&K Service Area to Assam & North East Service Areas - Police Verification of Franchisees for TERM Cell Clearance
- B. On 27th September 2012, ACT submitted a letter to Secretary (T) w.r.t New Subscriber Verification Guidelines.
- C. On 10th September 2012, ACT submitted a letter to Member (T), DOT on issues faced by our member operators in J&K service area related to subscriber verification and franchisee clearance.
- D. On September 10, 2012, ACT submitted a letter to DDG (TERM-Security) on issues regarding Subscriber Verification Audits by TERM Cells in Assam.
- E. On September 5, 2012, ACT submitted a letter to DDG (TERM-Security) proposing Workshop on Security Issues Related to Mobile Services for Eastern Region

J. OTHER LETTERS

- A. On 4th September 2012, TERI submitted its report to AUSPI, COAI & TAIPA on DoT Directive on implementation of green technologies in the Telecom sector.

K. MEETINGS

A. AUSPI MEETINGS

- i. On 27th September 2012, Annual General Meeting of AUSPI was held in AUSPI office.
- ii. On 26th September 2012, representative of AT Kearney, the knowledge partner for India Telecom 2012, had a meeting with AUSPI, as part of preparing the India Telecom Report for the event.
- iii. On 25th September 2012, AUSPI meeting was held to finalize AUSPI's views on documents submitted by DOT on International Telecommunications Regulations.
- iv. On 11th September 2012, 124th Executive Council Meeting of AUSPI was held in AUSPI office.
- v. On 4th September 2012, AUSPI meeting to discuss & frame AUSPI's queries on Information Memorandum on 2G Auction was held in AUSPI office.

B. JOINT INDUSTRY MEETING / ACT MEETING

- I) On 26th September 2012, ACT subcommittee meeting on Subscriber Verification was held in COAI.
- II) On 21st September 2012, joint Industry meeting to discuss issues related to Green Telecom was held in COAI office.
- III) On 18th September 2012, ACT subcommittee meeting on Subscriber Verification was held in India Habitat Centre.



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- IV) On 18th September 2012, Joint Industry meeting to discuss "TRAI Direction on VAS" was held in India Habitat Centre.
- V) On 17th September 2012, a Joint Industry Meeting to discuss the draft joint AUSPI, COAI, TAIPA study with expert advice from TERI on the DoT's directive on the implementation of the Green Telecom.
- VI) On 12th September 2012, a Joint Industry Meeting was held to discuss various issues like TRAI's Draft "The Standards of Quality of Service of Basic Telephone Service (wireline) and Cellular Mobile Telephone Service (second amendment) Regulations, 2012", Direction on the missed calls (Wangiri calls) originating from outside the country, Project on the Emergency services, Industry proposed - RIO – (Reference Interconnect Offer) to BSNL & MTNL etc,
- VII) On 10th September 2012, Joint Industry Meeting (AUSPI, COAI, TAIPA) was held to discuss issues related Radiation.
- VIII) On 4th September 2012, ACT meeting was held to discuss issues related to New Subscriber Verification Guidelines, Formation of Subcommittee for revising the present Code of Practice to align with new guidelines etc.

C. OTHER IMPORTANT EVENTS

- I) CII Broadband Summit 2012 was held on 28th September 2012 in Hotel Le-Meridien.
- II) Curtain Raiser Ceremony of India Internet Governance Conference (IIGC) was held on 24th September 2012 in Federation House, FICCI.
- III) PTC India Foundation Seminar on 'Way Forward for Indian Telecom' was held on 21st September 2012 in ASSOCHAM House.
- IV) FICCI meeting with UN Committee for Internet Related Policies was held on 19th September 2012 in Federation House, FICCI.
- V) ISPAI & NIXI Broadband Event was held on 17th September 2012 in Hotel Taj Mansingh.

- VI) ASSOCHAM's 2nd National Conference on e-Commerce was held on 13th September 2012 in The Leela Palace.
- VII) CII's Special Session with Hon'ble President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee was held on 10th September 2012 in Hotel Taj Palace.
- VIII) FICCI Meeting to formulate response to DOT on International Telecommunications Regulations was held on 10th September 2012 in Federation House, FICCI.
- IX) Curtain Raiser ceremony of India Telecom 2012 was held on 6th September 2012 Hotel Shangri-La.

L. UPCOMING EVENTS

- I) **8th October 2012:** TEC Meeting on testing and certification - implementation of procedure – in TEC Teletorium, 3rd Floor, TEC.
- II) **10th October 2012:** TRAI Open House Discussions on Regulation for Mobile Data Services & UCC Related matters in Lakshmi Pat Singhania Auditorium, PHD House, 4/2, Siri Institutional Area, August Kranti Marg, New Delhi.
- III) **12th October 2012:** AUSPI meeting w.r.t. NFAP 2013 Review Meeting in AUSPI Office.
- IV) **15th October 2012:** First Meeting of NFAP Review / Revision Committee in Conference Hall, Sanchar Bhawan.
- V) **16th October 2012:** Qualcomm's Technology Event "IQ India 2012" in Hotel Leela Kempinski, Gurgaon.
- VI) **17th October 2012:** AUSPI AGM in AUSPI office.
- VII) **31st October 2012:** TRAI Workshop on 'Issues involved in implementation of Emergency Communication System' in India Habitat Centre.

M. TELECOM BYTES

✂ Lead Article by Mr. Kapil Sibal, Hon'ble Minister of Communications & IT

Governments are not in the business of maximizing revenues. Instead of filling its own pocket, it is obliged, in a welfare state, to create an environment to fill the pockets of the 'aam admi'. Foregoing revenue in 2G helped tele-density and served a larger public purpose. Instead of the exchequer, the people were enriched. Auction in 3G enriched the government by fetching over Rs 1 lakh crore, but since 2010, there is no evidence of the roll out of 3G services. Without the roll out, bank debt cannot be serviced. The telecom sector is now under heavy debt. It has not recovered since.

You cannot have three executives running the government. The consequences of this are apparent. A vibrant telecom industry has been diminished. On account of the Supreme Court judgment, the government of India is exposed to litigation under the Bilateral Investment Promotion and Protection Treaty. Billions of dollars are at stake. Entities not charged for any wrongdoing found their licences cancelled. Vast investments were jeopardised. We can ill afford an environment in which investors around the world feel unsafe in making investments in India

Source: Times of India

✂ PCs that can talk, argue with you

Researchers from the University of Aberdeen will develop systems within the next three years, that men to debate decisions with robots, opening up the possibility of human operators discussion action plans with robots.

Source: Times of India

✂ Energy-sufficient computerized house

Researchers have developed a new typical-looking suburban house which can generate as energy as it consumes. The laboratory designed house, for a family of four incorporates energy efficient construction and appliances, including energy generation technologies. This unique facility was unveiled by the US commerce

department's National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). The two storey, four bedroom, three bath house incorporates energy efficient construction and appliances, as well as solar water heating and solar photovoltaic systems.

Source: Times of India

✂ Silence please: Smack the mobile to turn it off

Engineers are developing a new technology which would allow use to 'smack' the screen of their mobile and silence its ringing. The 'whack-based audio control module' sits at the centre of the phone, and awaits a suitable 'whack', to tell it to be quiet. When your phone rings, it will turn on the 'accelerometer', which tells the phone which direction it is pointing in and can spot sudden movements

Source: Times of India



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