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I. [TELECOM SUBSCRIPTION DATA AS ON JUNE 2013](#)

- ❖ **Total Subscribers – 903.09 Million**
- ❖ **Urban Subscribers – 545.48 Million**
- ❖ **Rural Subscribers – 357.61 Million**
- ❖ **Total Wireless Subscribers – 873.36 Million**
- ❖ **Overall Teledensity – 73.50**

Source: TRAI

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

- A. 26th September 2013: TRAI released recommendation on Improving Telecom Services in the North-Eastern States, namely Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Mizoram, Tripura, Manipur. Gist of Recommendations as follows:
- i) *To address the future bandwidth requirements in the NER, the core N/w would be strengthen to provide connectivity with redundancy/diversity between all state capitals and state capitals and DHQs.*
 - ii) *Investment has been estimated for providing 2G mobile coverage in towns and villages having population of more than 250 persons.*
 - iii) *TRAI has also recommended investment requirement for providing seamless connectivity along all National Highways (NH) in the NER.*
 - iv) *A discount of 2% of AGR of license fee to TSPs who cover at least 80% of the habitations with a population of 250.*
 - v) *Providing subsidy from USO for bandwidth charges through satellite connectivity.*
 - vi) *Subsidy for installation of solar power units at telecom towers.*
 - vii) *PGCIL and BSNL to lease their dark fiber to other TSPs.*
 - viii) *Bandwidth leasing charges in the NER to be reduced.*
 - ix) *TSPs in NER to enter into inter and intra circle roaming agreements*



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amongst themselves within a period of 6 months for all the BTS along the NH passing through NER states

- B. **25th September 2013:** TRAI issued recommendations on "Full Mobile Number Portability".
- C. **20th September 2013:** TRAI issued Consultation Paper on 'USSD-based Mobile Banking Services for Financial Inclusion'. TRAI invited comments from the stakeholders by 4th October 2013 and counter comments by 11th October 2013
- D. **11th September 2013:** TRAI issued Telecom Consumers Complaint Redressal (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2013(11 OF 2013).
- E. **9th September 2013:** TRAI released recommendations on Valuation and Reserve Price of Spectrum.
- F. **23rd August 2013:** TRAI sought Additional Inputs from stake holders on Permitting Trading of Spectrum in India.
- G. **22nd August 2013:** TRAI issued the "The Telecom Commercial Communications Customer Preference (Thirteenth Amendment) Regulations, 2013".
- H. **22nd August 2013:** TRAI issued second Amendment to the direction dated 10th February 2010 regarding Format of UPC (separate format for corporate mobile numbers) and its validity.

III. TRAI MEETINGS

- A. **29th August 2013:** Meeting of the Committee for Utilisation of Telecommunication Consumers Education and Protection Fund (CUTCEF) was held in TRAI office..
- B. **26th August 2013:** OHD on "Valuation and Reserve Price of Spectrum" was held in India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.

IV. DOT LETTERS

- A. **11th September 2013:** forwarded Gazette of India notification regarding revised Definition of Broadband, wherein they have defined the broadband as:-

"Broadband is a data connection that is able to support interactive services including internet access and has the capability of the minimum download speed of 512kbps to an individual subscriber from the point of presence (POP) of the service provider intending to provide Broadband service."

- B. **11th September 2013:** Reminder from DoT regarding Monthly Telephone Subscriber Data Submission. It is stated that as per letter no. 800-16/2010-VAS-III/2, dated 20th April 2010, the telephone subscriber data along with rural-urban breakup is required to be submitted by 7th of the following month. Also the breakup of landline, CDMA and GSM connections separately for rural –urban area should also be provided.
- C. **5th September 2013:** DoT vide letter no. 4-1/2013-S-I issued Record Notes of joint Workshop for Northern Region on issues related to implementation of subscriber verification guidelines and issues related to EMF Guidelines held on July 4-5, 2013 at Jaipur.
- D. **29th August 2013:** Issued corrigendum w.r.t. Unified License Agreement notified by DoT on 02nd August, 2013. As per this corrigendum, ISPs revenue from pure Internet Services has not been allowed to be deducted from GR, for the purpose of calculation of AGR.
- E. **23rd August 2013:** DS Cell of DoT vide letter no. 14-9/Misc.Disaster/2013-DS requested the industry association to explore the possibility of insurance of critical infrastructure against disasters and convey the same to DOT.
- F. **19th August 2013:** Issued guidelines for grant of Unified License.



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- G. **16th August 2013:** DS cell of DOT circulated 'Draft Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Telecomm. Services during Disaster' seeking comments of stakeholders.
- H. **16th August 2013:** Issued License Agreement document for Unified License.

V. DOT MEETINGS

- A. **27th September 2013:** Meeting to discuss implementation of Renewable Energy Technology in Telecom Sector was held in Sanchar Bhawan.
- B. **26th September 2013:** 5th meeting of core group constituted for implementations of directions issued by DOT on TRAI recommendations on 'Approach toward Green Telecommunications' was held in TEC.
- C. **25th September 2013** Cyber Security Awareness review meeting was held in DeitY.
- D. **24th September 2013:** Industry interaction on Visit of Japanese Ministerial Mission to India on "Japan-India ICT Public-Private Partnership" for cooperation in ICT on 3rd & 4th October 2013 was held in Sanchar Bhawan.
- E. **24th September 2013:** 1st Meeting National Working Group NWG-12 corresponding to ITU-T Study Group-12 was held in TEC.
- F. **24th September 2013:** 2nd joint meeting of the Advisory Group on 'Capacity Building' and Advisory Group on 'Content, Quality and Examination framework' was held in Sanchar Bhawan.
- G. **23rd September 2013:** 5th meeting of ITU-R, NWG-5: Terrestrial Services was held in TEC.
- H. **18th September 2013:** WPC/ SACFA meeting with AAI regarding AAI related issues was held under the chairmanship of Wireless Advisor at Sanchar Bhawan.
- I. **11th September 2013:** Round Table Discussion was held by the Hon'ble Minister of

Communications & IT on pressing issues of Indian telecom sector in Ashoka Hotel.

- J. **6th September 2013:** Meeting of M2M Consultative committee, M2M Policy & Regulatory Committee meeting along with key industry representatives to form policy around "Machine to Machine communications was held in Sanchar Bhawan.
- K. **30th August 2013:** Meeting of the Telecom Equipment Manufacturing Council was held in Sanchar Bhawan
- L. **30th August 2013:** Meeting with Service Providers along with associations representatives to review progress of IPv6 implementation was held in Sanchar Bhawan.
- M. **29th September 2013:** Meeting of the Oversight Committee of the IPv6 Task Force was held under the chairmanship of Secretary (T) in Sanchar Bhawan.
- N. **22nd August 2013:** Meeting to discuss implementation of Location Based Services was held in Sanchar Bhawan.
- O. **13th August 2013:** 4th meeting of ITU-R, NWG-5: Terrestrial Services was held in TEC.
- P. **7th August 2013:** Joint meeting of the Advisory Group on 'Capacity Building' and Advisory Group on 'Content, Quality and Examination framework' was held in Sanchar Bhawan.

VI. AUSPI LETTERS

- A. 26th August 2013: Submitted AUSPI letters no. 72 & 73 in connection with TRAI recommendations of Valuation and Reserve Price of Spectrum to the following Sr. Officers of DOT:-
- Member (F)
 - Advisor (F)
 - Wireless Advisor
 - Sr. DDG, TEC
 - DDG (AS-I)
 - DDG (LF-I)



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- vii) DDG (BB), USOF
- viii) DDG (CS)
- ix) DDG (DS)
- B. **23rd September 2013:** Letter to the CMD, BSNL on the issue of port charges matter.
- C. **22nd September 2013:** Letter to the Puducherry Planning Authority w.r.t their order to deactivate mobile towers by 6 P.M., 22nd September 2013, within proximity of 1500 meters from the periphery of Central Prison, Kalapet.
- D. **22nd September 2013:** Letter to the Member (T), DOT requesting DOT's intervention in Puducherry Planning Authority's order to deactivate mobile towers by 6 P.M., 22nd September 2013, within proximity of 1500 meters from the periphery of Central Prison, Kalapet.
- E. **18th September 2013:** Letter to the Hon'ble MOC&IT regarding recommendations on the reserve price of 900 MHz spectrum in the remaining service areas.
- F. **18th September 2013:** Letter to the Hon'ble MOC&IT regarding 800 MHz spectrum reserve price and valuation.
- G. **16th September 2013:** Letter to the Hon'ble MOC&IT subsequent to the oral submission in the open house discussions held on 11th September 2013 covering main issues like Rationalization of penalties, Definition of AGR, Rollout obligations, Use of Digital Signature for subscriber verification process, Mergers and Acquisition etc.
- H. **7th September 2013:** Letter to the Chairman, TRAI regarding Valuation and Reserve price of 800 MHz spectrum.
- I. **4th September 2013:** Letter to the Sr. DDG, TEC w.r.t. interface approval by TEC of Telecom for locally manufactured products.
- J. **23rd August 2013:** Letter to the Secretary (T), DOT seeking clarifications on the guidelines

issued by DOT on 19th August 2013 for grant of Unified License.

- K. **21st August 2013:** Letter to the DDG (AS-I), DOT regarding use of Digital Signature for subscriber verification process.
- L. **21st August 2013:** Letter to the Chairman, TRAI requesting for more transparency in TRAI OHD on 'Valuation and Reserve Price of Spectrum'.
- M. **14th August 2013:** Submitted response to TRAI Consultation Paper on Valuation and Reserve Price".
- N. **7th August 2013:** Letter to DDG (LF-II) regarding submission of documents in support of deductions claimed through quarterly Statements of Revenue and License Fee.

VII. JOINT INDUSTRY LETTERS

- A. **24th September 2013:** Letter to the Jt. Wireless Advisor, WPC regarding Integration of NOCAS system of Airport Authority of India (AAI) with SACFA server.
- B. **23rd September 2013:** Letter to the CMD, BSNL on Port Charges matter.
- C. **22nd September 2013:** Letter to the Puducherry Planning Authority w.r.t their order to deactivate mobile towers by 6 P.M., 22nd September 2013, within proximity of 1500 meters from the periphery of Central Prison, Kalapet.
- D. **22nd September 2013:** Letter to the Member (T), DOT requesting DOT's intervention in Puducherry Planning Authority's order to deactivate mobile towers by 6 P.M., 22nd September 2013, within proximity of 1500 meters from the periphery of Central Prison, Kalapet.
- E. **20th September 2013:** Letter to the Secretary (T), DOT on news article regarding support to BSNL for solarization of its telecom sites from USO Fund.



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- F. **19th September 2013:** Letter to the Mayor Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation w.r.t. Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation asking TSPs to give the subscriber list.
- G. **19th September 2013:** Letter to the Member (T), DOT seeking TERM Cell, Mumbai's intervention w.r.t. Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation asking TSPs to give the subscriber list.
- H. **18th September 2013:** Letter to the Sr. DDG (Security – TERM) submitting Clarification on Measurement Methodology for Roof Top Tower sites in Jaipur.
- I. **18th September 2013:** Letter to the Hon'ble MoC&IT regarding definition of Gross Revenue / Adjusted Gross Revenue.
- J. **13th September 2013:** Letter to the Sr. DDG, TEC regarding National EMF Portal-Finalization of Vendor Nomination.
- K. **4th September 2013:** Letter to the Chairman, TRAI w.r.t TRAI's Telecom Commercial Communications Customer Preference (Thirteenth Amendment) Regulations, 2013 (10 of 2013). Industry associations requested TRAI to:
- Withdraw the penal provision on the service provider of Rs 5000/- per complaint:
 - Call for a dialogue on the amendment asking for disconnection of the resources of the person on whose behalf the commercial transaction has been solicited and to kindly put this clause of the Regulation under abeyance till such time
- L. **26th August 2013:** Letter to the Hon'ble MoC&IT regarding imposition of penalties on account of EMF norms & encashment of bank guarantees.
- M. **26th August 2013:** Letter to the Sr. DDG, TEC regarding National EMF Portal-Support Required by DoT/TEC for BSNL & MTNL participation.
- N. **23rd August 2013:** Letter to the Hon'ble MoC&IT regarding imposition of penalties on account of EMF norms & encashment of bank guarantees.
- O. **21st August 2013:** Letter to the Secretary (T), DOT regarding encashment of financial bank guarantees by TERM Cells.
- P. **13th August 2013:** Letter to the Secretary (T), DOT seeking a meeting to discuss issue regarding encashment of financial bank guarantees by TERM Cells.
- Q. **16th August 2013:** Letter to the Secretary (Information Technology & Communications Department), Govt. of Andhra Pradesh regarding the comprehensive guidelines for issue of clearance for the installation of new Telephone Infrastructure towers issued by Municipal Administration & Urban Development Department- Andhra Pradesh (MAUD).
- R. **14th August 2013:** Thanks & appreciation letter to Hon'ble Minister of Communications & IT for issuing Guidelines for State Government for issue of clearance for installation of mobile towers.
- S. **13th August 2013:** Thanks & appreciation letter to Hon'ble Minister of State for Communications & IT for issuing Guidelines for State Government for issue of clearance for installation of mobile towers.
- T. **6th August 2013:** Letter to the Principal Advisor (F&EA), TRAI regarding review of TTO (Forty Sixth Amendment) regarding provision of hard copy of the bill to Data Service Subscribers.
- U. **2nd August 2013:** Industry submission to the Hon'ble Parliamentary Standing Committee on IT regarding "Norms for setting up telecom towers, its harmful effects & setting up security standards in expansion of telecom facilities.



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VIII. ACT LETTERS

- A. **20th September 2013:** Letter to the Sr. DDG (Security-TERM), DOT on Inclusion of some new documents as valid POI/POA.
- B. **18th September 2013:** Letter to the Sr. DDG (Security-TERM), DOT detailing difficulties faced by TSPs in uploading embedded Scanned coloured Photograph in the Subscriber Database.
- C. **9th September 2013:** Letter to the Sr. DDG (Security-TERM), DOT embedded Scanned coloured Photograph in the Subscriber Database. ACT requested DoT to allow photographs of Subscribers to be given to TERM Cells and designated agencies through web-access in lieu of external drives like CD/DVD.
- D. **27th August 2013:** Letter to the DDG Security Project Coord., DOT regarding MPLS connectivity to the Central Monitoring System (CMS).
- E. **23rd August 2013:** Letter to the Sr. DDG (Security-TERM), DOT regarding revised CAF audit penalty demands raised by TERM Cell North East.
- F. **22nd August 2013:** Letter to the DDG (AS-I), DOT regarding the guidelines on the issue of multiple mobile connections in J&K Service Area.
- G. **22nd August 2013:** Letter to the Member (T), DOT seeking intervention of DOT on issue of order issued by IG, Bhopal to all the TSPs in M.P. to provide SMS based location services through direct connectivity with MSCs of the TSP in order to get location based information of the subscribers at any given point of time.
- H. **21st August 2013:** Letter to the Sr. DDG (Security - TERM), DOT regarding the guidelines on the issue of multiple mobile connections in J&K Service Area.

IX. MEETINGS

A. AUSPI MEETINGS

- i. **24th September 2013:** Meeting was held to discuss issues related to TRAI CP on 'USSD-based Mobile Banking Services.
- ii. **23rd September 2013:** Meeting with Member (T), DOT in connection with TRAI recommendations on Valuation and Reserve Price of Spectrum.
- iii. **18th September 2013:** 16th Annual General Meeting of AUSPI was held.
- iv. **11th April 2013:** 127th EC Meeting.
- v. **7th August 2013:** Meeting to frame views prior to MOCIT's OHD.
- vi. **5th August 2013:** Meeting to frame views on TRAI consultation paper on valuation and reserve price of spectrum.

B. JOINT INDUSTRY MEETINGS / ACT MEETINGS

- I) **27th September 2013:** Meeting with Administrator, USOF regarding news article regarding support to BSNL for solarization of its telecom sites from USO Fund.
- II) **24th September 2013:** Meeting discuss Eastern Region Workshop, Audit of Bulk Customers by TERM Cells, Online Access for CAF Auditing, Status of Franchisee Registration in J&K etc. was held in COAI office.
- III) **20th September 2013:** Meeting with Nextgen Telesolutions Pvt. Ltd & SAMAYA NOA Pvt. Ltd in connection with innovative solutions for Green Telecom was held in COAI office.
- IV) **20th September 2013:** Meeting to discuss issues related to USSD based Mobile Banking Services was held in COAI Office.



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- V) **17th September 2013:** Meeting in connection with Common EMF Database portal was held in COAI office.
- VI) **16th September 2013:** Meeting to discuss 'USSD-based Mobile Banking Services' was held in COAI Office.
- VII) **9th September 2013:** Meeting to finalize the Consultant for the DPR activity in connection with Green Telecom was held in COAI office.
- VIII) **22nd August 2013:** Meeting with Secretary (T) in connection with Green Telecom implementation – RET Targets.
- IX) **21st & 22nd August 2013:** Meeting in connection with Common EMF Database portal was held in COAI office.

C. OTHER EVENTS

- I) **17th September 2013:** TSSC Seminar on "New Initiatives towards Skill Development.
- II) **6th September 2013:** ET Telecom Award ceremony.
- III) **6th September 2013:** Exploratory Workshop on Spectrum Pricing Index (SPI) - Organized by IIT Delhi
- IV) **6th September 2013:** TSDSI Meeting
- V) **5th & 6th September 2013:** GSMA workshop on "best practice risk communication for base station deployment in India".
- VI) **4th September 2013:** GSMA Workshop on 'Communicating about Electromagnetic Fields: Challenges and Way Forward'.
- VII) **29th, 27th & 7th August 2013:** ASSOCHAM Telecom Committee Meeting.
- VIII) **23rd August 2013:** Third Meeting of the JWG on PPP on Cyber Security.
- IX) **23rd August 2013:** C-DOT Foundation Day 2013.

- X) **19th August 2013:** UIDAI Workshop on e-KYC On-Boarding process.
- XI) **12th August 2013:** 3rd meeting of Joint Committee of International Cooperation and Advocacy (JCICA) in National Security Council Secretariat
- XII) **6th August 2013:** CII's 1st Sub Committee meeting on the Spectrum & Licensing.
- XIII) **5th August 2013:** TSSC Governing Body Meeting.
- XIV) **2nd August 2013:** The National Telecom Summit (Organized by CII & DOT).

X. UPCOMING EVENTS

- I) **30th September 2013:** DOT meeting on 'Roaming Charges applicable in respect of Israel' under the Chairmanship of Member (T)
- II) **30th September 2013:** ASSOCHAM Telecom Committee Meeting to discuss issues related to Mergers and Acquisition Policy and issues related to Unified License and Proposed DOT workshop for Indian and Japanese companies for one and half day from 3-4 Oct. 2013.
- III) **1st October 2013:** First Meeting of CII's Associations' Council (ASCON) for the year 2013 – 14.

XI. TELECOM BYTES

Earth will survive for another 1.75 billion years

Planet Earth is able to support life for another 1.75 billion years, after that, Sun's heat will become too much and water will no longer remain liquid on Earth. Earth will be in the 'hot zone' of the sun, with temperatures so high that the seas would evaporate. Mars, further away from the Sun, will become habitable, so **Mars could be a place where humans can escape to**, Astrobiologists at the University of East Anglia predicts.

Source: Times of India



Bill Gates Confession

Bill Gates has confessed that setting Control-Alt-Delete to log in to Windows was a mistake. There was an option to make a single button for such a command, but the IBM keyboard designer didn't want to give one to Microsoft. David Bradley, a designer of the original IBM PC, invented the Control-Alt-Delete combo, Gates said at Harvard



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