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I. [SUBSCRIBER FIGURES – MARCH 2010](#)

- ❖ Total Telephone Subscriber Base reaches 621.28 Million
- ❖ Wireless Subscription reaches 584.32 Million
- ❖ 20.31 Million Wireless Subscriber added
- ❖ Broadband subscriber number reaches 8.75 million mark
- ❖ Tele-density reaches 52.74% mark

(Source TRAI)



**3G AUCTION
COMMENCED
ON 9th APRIL 2010
AT 9.30 AM**

II. [TRAI CIRCULAR / LETTERS / NOTICE](#)

- A. TRAI vide letter no. 409-14/2008-FN dated 19th April 2010 responded to AUSPI letter regarding Benefits Provided to Rural Subscribers and appreciated Service Providers efforts and customized tariff plan for rural markets.

TRAI also sought information in simplified format regarding rural subscribers of the Service Providers to be furnished quarterly on 15th of the month following end of every quarter. The report to contain service areawise, connections provided in the quarter and subsidized connections from 01.05.2008.

- B. On 15th April 2010 TRAI circulated the revised Minutes of the meeting of the committee constituted to study the problems of prepaid customers held on 31st March 2010 as there was certain discrepancy in the minutes of the meeting issued on 1st April 2010.

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- C. On 14th April 2010 TRAI responded to the Ministry of I & B on various issues raised by I&B Ministry regarding Mobile TV.

III. TRAI MEETING

- A. The second meeting of the committee constituted to study the problems of prepaid customers was held on 27th April 2010 at 1100 hrs along with Consumer Advocacy Group in the Conference Room, TRAI under the Chairmanship of Secretary TRAI.
- B. TRAI National Forum on Mobile Applications for Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Development was held on 7th & 8th April 2010 at Hotel Ashoka.

IV. DOT LETTERS

- A. USOF vide letter No. 30-117/2006-USF dated 29.04.2010 responded to AUSPI letter on Affordable Broadband Connectivity in all Villages.

The letter from USOF specified that technology neutrality is permitted for the connectivity. It also stated that 'media neutral' approach may need further examination.

- B. On 29th April 2010, WPC Placed on its website the summary record of the meeting of the NFAP Review Committee held on 9.4.2010 under the Chairmanship of Dr Ashok Chandra, Wireless Advisor
- C. DOT letter No.6-5/2010-Policy-I dated 28th April 2010 received from Mr. J S Deepak, JS (T) seeking inputs for preparation of Strategic Plan for the Department of Telecommunication for next five years.

DOT has started consultation process with key stake holders to finalise thrust area for strategic plan.

- D. DOT vide letter No.800-66/2009-VAS-III/6 dated 20th April 2010 clarified that all Service Providers are mandated to inform about their intra-circle roaming arrangement to all designated Law Enforcement Agencies (LEA).

- E. DOT vide letter No.800-16/2010-VAS-III/2 dated 20th April 2010 circulated the Methodology for Submission of telephone Subscribers data.

DOT requested all Service Providers to submit the information about Subscribers, state wise, license area wise in each month to TERM cell and Economic Research Unit of DOT.

- F. DOT vide letter No. 4/3/2010 dated 21st April 2010 forwarded a copy of the letter from President and CEO of Intel Corporation on Wireless Broadband services received from PMO for Stakeholders inputs / comments on the issues raised in the letter by Intel.
- G. DOT vide letter No.842-1070/2009-AS IV dated 16th April 2010 issued instructions with regard to SMS management in J&K service area w.e.f. 2400 hrs. on 16th April 2010.

(On the same day i.e., on 16th April 2010, DOT withdraw the above order).

- H. DOT vide OM 800-63/2009-VAS dated 16th April 2010 intimated the Association about the Constitution of Core Team on Licensing Matter. The Industry Associations are Special Invitees to this Committee.

The Core Team shall prepare the Strategic Plan for DoT on Licensing Matters for next five years.

- I. AUSPI requested DOT through our letter No. AUSPI/13/2010/65 dated 15.4.2010 as a part of other queries to allow deduction of per port transaction charge pass through from the gross revenue while calculating AGR.

DOT vide letter dated 15th April 2010 while clarifying on a similar issue raised by COAI has marked a copy to us stated that 'per port transaction charge cannot be allowed as deduction for arriving at the AGR for the purpose of payment of License Fee'.

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J. WPC vide letter no. J-14025/9(4)/98-NT dated 15th April 2010 with reference to our requirement of surrender of frequency carriers in city and / or service area intimated the Association that two months notice be given by service providers along with an undertaking for dismantling of equipment.

K. Wireless Finance Branch of DOT vide letter no. 1000/58/WFD/07-08/Vol. III intimated the Association that our request through letter No. AUSPI/13/2010/44 dated 8th March 2010 on payment of spectrum charges on post quarter basis is not acceded to.

L. DOT vide letter No.800-29/2009-VAS-III/32 dated 15th April 2010 brought to the notice of Service Providers that the Interference from Indian Mobile Service Providers are affecting the quality of Services in some areas of the neighboring countries.

DoT asked the Service providers to take necessary action on this.

M. WPC vide letter no. DB/WB/2006 dated 9th April 2010 with reference to our letter regarding PIN Code issue,

WPC stated that PIN code which are not available in the data base, service providers are to give an undertaking that the PIN codes are bonafide and notified by postal authorities. This undertaking is required when seeking deployment plan.

N. DOT vide letter No.800-15/2010-VAS dated 8th April 2010 has issued instructions to Service Providers on Implementation of radiation norms on EMF exposure by BTSs.

O. DOT vide letter No. 3-1/2010-S-1 dated 1st April 2010 intimated about formation of Committee on Security and Network Policy for making action plan on Security and Network Policy for next five years.

Secretary General, AUSPI is the Special Invitee of the committee

V. DOT MEETINGS

A. Implementation of Mobile Number Portability Meeting was held on 29th April 2010 under the Chairmanship of Member (T) DOT at Sanchar Bhawan.

B. First Steering Committee meeting on India Telecom Exhibition 2010 was held on 27th April 2010 under the Chairmanship of Secretary (T), DOT at Sanchar Bhawan.

C. TEC Meeting regarding EMF Measurement procedures was held on 23rd April 2010 under the Chairmanship of DDG (Radio) at TEC.

D. First meeting of NWG on QoS/QoE was held on 12th April 2010 at TEC.

E. Meeting to review NFAP 2008 was held on 9th April 2010 under the Chairmanship of Dr. Ashok Chandra, Wireless Advisor at DOT.

F. Meeting of the core group on CRI & IRI was held on 8th April, 2010 under the Chairmanship of Joint Director (IB).

G. Meeting regarding security clearance for the telecom equipment was taken by Hon'ble Minister of Communications and IT on 1st April 2010 at DOT.

H. Meeting regarding security clearance for the telecom equipment was taken by Member (T) on 1st April 2010 at DOT.

VI. OTHER POLICIES / GUIDELINES

A. On 8th April 2010, MCD issued New Guidelines for erecting Cellular Mobile Towers.

B. Department of Industrial Policy and Promotions has come out with a Consolidated FDI Policy effective from 1st April 2010.

C. Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion issue a Press Note on enhancing the limit of FDI amount for approval of the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs.

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- D. Ministry of Natural Resources & Energy issued Draft Guidelines / Scheme for Solar Off grid (PV & Thermal) and Decentralized applications.

Comments on policy for Solar PV installations for Telecom Towers is being submitted by the Industry Association.

VII. AUSPI LETTERS

- A. On 30th April 2010 AUSPI submitted its comments to TRAI on 'Allocation of Spectrum for Technologies such as DECT etc.

- B. On 26th April 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Secretary (T), DOT appreciating DoT and Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievance's initiative towards the redressal of subscriber grievances by creating an online system for registering, retrieval and monitoring of subscriber complaints.

AUSPI requested an additional column may be created to capture the complained services i.e Wireless, Wireline, Wireless Internet or Wireline Internet.

- C. On 26th April 2010 AUSPI submitted a letter to Administrator, USOF requesting that the equated annual subsidy should be extended for a period of three years i.e. upto 31st. March 2013 so as to enable the Universal Service Providers to provide high quality service at affordable rates.

- D. On 26th April 2010 AUSPI submitted a letter to Secretary (T) DOT requesting that DOT must immediately decide guidelines for security clearance and permit import of telecom equipment manufactured in China or through Chinese vendors.

- E. On 23rd April 2010 AUSPI submitted a letter to Secretary (T), DOT regarding its Instructions on Implementation of radiation norms on EMF exposure by Base Transceiver Station.

AUSPI requested that:-

- I. *Our member service providers be allowed for either of the testing methods for providing for in the TEC test procedure (in*

appropriate mix in order) on a sample audit basis in order to provide their self certification for compliance.

- II. *DoT may provide time upto 1.4.2011 to audit and report compliance certificates for confirming to EMF limits prescribed by ICNIRP;*

- III. *The two tier auditing by Service Providers and then by TERM cell should not be mandated. TERM cell auditing may be considered only if DoT finds that service providers are failing in meeting ICNIRP guidelines.*

- IV. *The cost of TERM audit should be borne by the DoT.*

- V. *DoT/TEC may issue clarification on certain points raised in the letter.*

- F. On 21st April 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Member (T), DOT on Surrender of frequency carriers in city and / or service area.

- G. On 15th April 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to DDG Security (TERM), DOT on Request for complete CDR's from TERM cells.

AUSPI mentioned in its letter that its members are committed to provide all support to the security agencies as well as TERM cell, but requested DOT to kindly ask the TERM cells not to insist on CDR's for all subscribers to be provided on regular basis.

- H. On 15th April 2010, AUSPI submitted its response to TRAI's Pre-consultation Paper on "IMT-Advanced (4G) Mobile wireless broadband services".

- I. On 15th April 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Secretary (T), DOT requesting DOT to resolve certain issues like Legal Interception, Interconnection Agreement, Per Port transaction charge as pass through deduction etc so that our member service providers can complete all activities required for roll out of MNP.

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- J. On 12th April 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Chairman, TRAI Request for 2G spectrum to be limited upto 6.2 MHz for GSM operators in TRAI Recommendation.
- K. On 10th April 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Governor, Reserve Bank of India on Mobile Banking. AUSPI requested:-
- i. *Mobile companies should be allowed to become business correspondents by permitting all Unified Access Service Licensees and Cellular Mobile Telephone Service licensees to become Business Correspondents.*
 - ii. *Mobile pre-paid instrument should be converted from Semi-closed payment system to the Open Payment System.*
- L. AUSPI submitted a letter to DDG (IP) DOT with reference to DOT's letter regarding WTO "Work Programme for Information Exchange on Subsidies in Services Trade" which is launched with an objective to develop the necessary multilateral disciplines to avoid trade distortion effects of subsidies in services trade.

AUSPI wrote certain issues and concluded that that higher mobile termination charges by foreign operators impose cost on Indian ILDOs and India consumers and have significant trade effect.

VIII. ACT LETTERS

- A. On 28th April 2010, ACT submitted a letter to Director (AS-II) on the issue of Methodology for verification of telephone subscribers' data.
- B. On 26th April 2010, ACT submitted a letter to Hon'ble Minister of Communications and IT on High Penalty on Subscriber Verification.

IX. JOINT INDUSTRY LETTERS

- A. On 22nd April 2010, a Joint Industry Letter was submitted to Hon'ble Mayor, MCD on New MCD Guidelines for installation of Cellular Mobile Towers.
- B. On 12th April 2010, a Joint Industry Response were submitted to TRAI on Pre-Paid Grievances.

X. MEETINGS

A. AUSPI MEETING

- i. AUSPI meeting for scrutinizing appointments was held on 28th April 2010 at AUSPI.
- ii. AUSPI meeting with Telcordia Teams on MNP Implementation / TEC Test Schedule was held on 9th April 2010 at AUSPI.

B. JOINT INDUSTRY MEETING / ACT MEETING

- I) ACT Meeting on Common Manual on Prepaid Subscriber Verification was held on 30th April 2010.
- II) A Joint Industry Meeting on Advocacy Programme on the EMF Related Issues was held on 31st April 2010.
- III) A Joint Industry Meeting to discuss MCD Tower Seling issue was held on 22nd April 2010.
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- V) ACT Southern Region Workshop on 'Security Issues Related to Mobile Services' was held on 17th April 2010 at Chennai.
- VI) ACT meeting to discuss Common Manuel and Workshop was held on 14th April 2010.
- VII) Joint Industry meeting to discuss Pre-Paid Customers Consumer Grievances was held on 6th April 2010.

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C. OTHER IMPORT EVENTS

- I) Meeting of FICCI Committee on Communications & Digital Economy 2010 – 11 was held on 29th April 2010 at Federation House.
- II) National Round Table on Renewable Energy Opportunities for Telecom Sector organized by CMAI was held on 21st April 2010 at Hotel Le Meridien.
- III) Special Camp by MCD for 'Regularization/ Permission of Mobile Cell Towers was held on 20th April 2010 at Ambedkar Stadium, Delhi.
- IV) IITCOE & ICRIER Workshop on 'Research and Action Agenda for a National Broadband Initiative' was held on 16th April 2010 at India Habitat Centre.
- V) Session with US Treasury Secretary and Dr Montek Singh Ahluwalia organized by CII was held on 6th April 2010 at ITC Maurya.

XI. UPCOMING EVENTS

- I) **21st May 2010:** Meeting of W3C India Office Programme to Chalk out Roadmap on Future Course at DIT.
- II) **21st May 2010:** MNP Implementation meeting at DOT.
- III) **28th May 2010:** FICCI Interactive meeting on The Road to Broadband - Investment & Innovation at FICCI.
- IV) **28th May 2010:** Luncheon meeting with Chairman of Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Mr. Julius Genachowski.
- V) **15-18 June 2010:** Communic Asia 2010 at Singapore Expo.

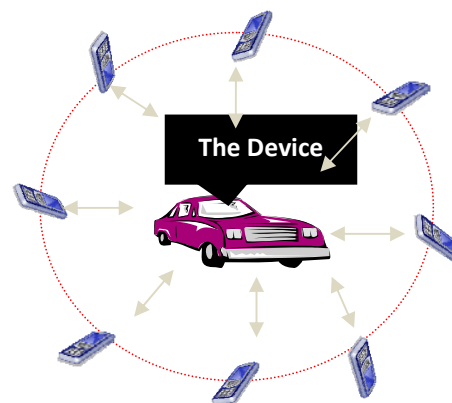
XII. TELECOM BYTES

ACCESS SERVICE PROVIDERS		
Gross Revenue, AGR & License Fee QE March 2010		
(Rs. in Crores)		
Gross Revenue	AGR	License Fee
<u>31,345.20</u>	<u>23,496.89</u>	<u>2,084.97</u>

Source: TRAI

⊕ CELL PHONE TAPPING.

CDMA/GSM off-the-air monitoring device codenamed 'FOX' can tap cell phones within 2 KM. Depending on weather conditions one can detect and intercept a mobile number at least 3 KM away.



Source: Outlook Magazine

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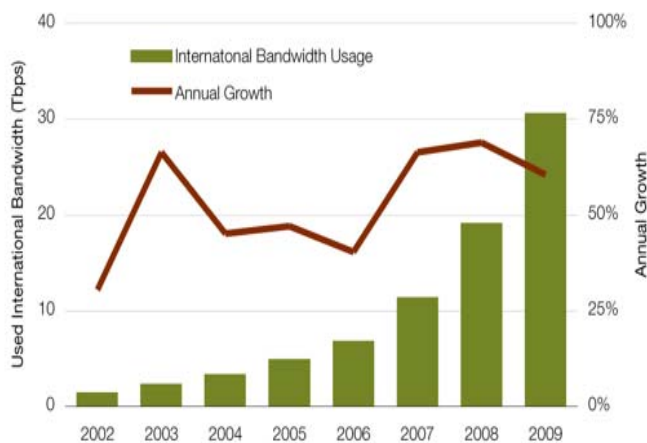
✚ The Unique Identification Number (referred to until now as the 'UID') has been branded as '**AADHAAR**' which translates into 'foundation', or 'support'.

Mr. Nandal Nilekani, Chairman UIDAI notes, "The name 'AADHAAR' communicates the fundamental role of the number issued by the UIDAI: the number as a universal identity infrastructure, a foundation over which public and private agencies can build services and applications that benefit residents across India".

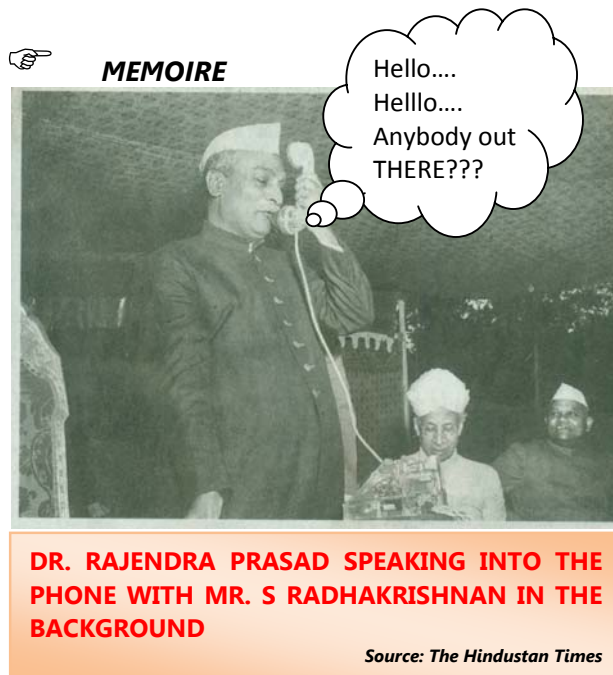
Source: Economic Times

✚ **INTERNATIONAL BANDWIDTH USAGE 2002-2009.**

International bandwidth usage increased 60% in 2009, in line with the past two years. Over the past seven years, aggregate international capacity requirements have grown more than 22-fold



Source: TeleGeography Research



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