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#### I. [SUBSCRIBER FIGURES – JANUARY 2011](#)

- ❖ **Total Telephone Subscriber Base reaches 806.13 Million**
- ❖ **Wireless Subscription reaches 771.18 Million**
- ❖ **Wireless Tele-density reaches to 64.74**
- ❖ **18.99 Million Wireless Subscriber added**
- ❖ **Broadband subscriber number reaches 11.21 million mark**
- ❖ **Tele-density reaches 67.67% mark**

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

- A. TRAI has issued the 'Telecom Commercial Communications Customer Preference (Fourth Amendment) Regulations, 2010' on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2011. The date of implementation of Telecommunication Commercial Communications Customer Preference Regulation 2010 has been extended to 21st March 2011.
- B. TRAI vide letter No.323-3/2010/CA (Vol.V) dated 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2011 intimated the Association about TRAI organising Regional Workshops on Consumer Education in Telecommunication at Lucknow and Shillong on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2011 & 15<sup>th</sup> March 2011.
- C. TRAI has issued a letter No.409-12/2008-FN(Part-II) dated 22nd February 2011 clarifying their earlier regulation of 9th March 2009, thereby advising service providers to ensure strict compliance of this provision on the basis of complaints received from various service providers on levying termination charges on SMS.  
  
TRAI has also issued similar individual letter in this regard to Bharti Airtel and Idea Cellular.
- D. On 8th February 2011, TRAI has issued a letter to the Secretary, DOT regarding pricing of Spectrum in 1800MHz band. TRAI submitted its recommendations regarding the value of

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spectrum in the 1800 MHz along with a copy of the report of the Expert Committee based on which the recommendations have been made.

- E. TRAI vide letter no. 402-16/2010-I&FN dated 3<sup>rd</sup> intimated the association about TRAI holding a seminar on "Next Generation Network- Implementation and Implication" on 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> April 2011 at New Delhi.

### III. TRAI MEETING

- A. A meeting to discuss issues pertaining to Implementation of MNP was held under the Chairmanship of Pr. Advisor (MN) on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2011 in TRAI.

### IV. TRAI OHD

- A. TRAI OHD on Consultation Paper on "Telecommunications Infrastructure Policy" was held on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2011 at PHD House, New Delhi.
- B. TRAI OHD on Consultation Paper on "Issues relating to blocking of IMEI for lost/stolen mobile Handset" & 'Revenue Sharing Arrangement for Intelligent Network Services" was held 11<sup>th</sup> February 2011 at PHD House, New Delhi.
- C. TRAI OHD on Consultation Paper on "Encouraging Telecom Equipment Manufacturing in India" was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2011 at PHD House, New Delhi.

### V. DOT LETTERS

- A. DOT vide letter no. 16-16/2009-AS-III/Vol. III dated 7<sup>th</sup> February 2011 issued a new directive for allocation of MSC coded based on VLR reporting.
- B. DOT vide letter no. 800-20/2010-VAS dated 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2011, issued a clarification reiterating that Financial Penalty for Violation of Terms and Conditions of License Agreement in Respect of Subscriber Verification Failure Cases

is to be calculated on the basis of slabs prescribed in DoT Circular dated 24.12.2008

- C. DOT vide letter no. 1-34/2006-VI (Part I) dated 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2011 intimated that timeline for re-verification of mobile subscribers has been extended till March 31, 2011.

### VI. DOT MEETINGS

- A. Meeting of the Steering Committee of National IPv6 Task force was held under the Chairmanship of Member (T), on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2011 in Sanchar Bhawan
- B. NFAP Drafting Group 2 Meeting was held on on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2011 in TEC.
- C. NFAP Review / Revision Committee Meeting were held under the Chairmanship Wireless Advisor on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2011 in Sanchar Bhawan.
- D. First Steering Committee Meeting on "India Telecom 2011" was held under the Chairmanship of Secretary (T) on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2011 in Sanchar Bhawan.

### VII. AUSPI LETTERS

- A. On 21<sup>st</sup> February 2011, AUSPI submitted its counter comments to TRAI Consultation Paper on Issues related to Telecommunications Infrastructure policy.
- B. On 15<sup>th</sup> February 2011, AUSPI submitted a letter to Chairman, TRAI seeking clarifications on certain issues related to Implementation of "Telecom Commercial Communications Customer Preference. Regulations 2010".
- C. On 15<sup>th</sup> February 2011, AUSPI submitted a letter to Secretary (T), DOT on DOT's new directive for allocation of MSC coded based on VLR reporting.

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- D. On 14<sup>th</sup> February 2011, AUSPI submitted its response to TRAI Consultation Paper on "Issues arising out of Provisioning and Pricing of services by mobile service providers – in the context of Delivery of Basic Financial Services using Mobile Phones".
- E. On 11<sup>th</sup> February 2011, AUSPI submitted its response to TRAI on study report by ASSOCHAM on MVAS.
- F. On 7<sup>th</sup> February 2011, AUSPI submitted its response to TRAI Consultation Paper on Issues related to Telecommunications Infrastructure Policy.
- G. On 4<sup>th</sup> February 2011, AUSPI submitted a letter to Hon'ble MOCIT regarding a Press Statement of 29th January 2011 on the Policy in respect of Spectrum Assignment.

AUSPI requested Hon'ble MOCIT that:-

- i. *No payment be required to be made by operators for allocation of contracted spectrum beyond the start up spectrum of 4.4 MHz and upto 6.2 MHz.*
  - ii. *One of our member service providers is not having start up GSM spectrum should be allocated initial 4.4 MHz without any payment.*
  - iii. *CDMA operators should be allocated upto 5 MHz contracted spectrum without any additional payment and eligibility requirements should be same as GSM.*
- H. On 3rd February 2011, AUSPI submitted its response to USOF Concept paper "USO Support for Facilitating Access to Telecommunications Facilities for persons With Disabilities in Rural India".
- I. On 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2011, AUSPI submitted a letter to Wireless Advisor, WPC regarding NFAP. AUSPI submitted its comments on certain additions / revisions made by Drafting Group 3 in some of the IND Foot Notes (IND 54 & IND 75 and New IND XXX).

- J. On 2nd February 2011, AUSPI submitted a letter to Hon'ble MOC&IT seeking clarification on Press Statements made by him on the following:

- i. *No payment is required from existing UAS Licensees and holders of Dual Technology Approvals for allocation of contracted spectrum of 6.2 MHz.*
- ii. *new policy will apply prospectively to those who seek fresh UAS licences. And if the proposal is to apply it retrospectively then it would apply equally to all operators including BSNL and MTNL who entered the market at different points in time starting from 1994 till now.*

### VIII. MEETINGS

#### A. AUSPI MEETING

- i. On 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2011, AUSPI along with few Members met Director General of Foreign Trade.
- ii. A meeting was held in AUSPI on 3rd February 2011 to finalize a letter to be given to the Secretary (T), DOT.
- iii. On 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2011, AUSPI along with EC Members met Hon'ble MOC&IT.
- iv. On 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2011, AUSPI along with EC Members met Secretary (T), DOT.
- v. AUSPI Meeting to discuss Hon'ble MoC&IT's press statement regarding Spectrum Allocation and AUSPI letter regarding the same was held on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2011.

#### B. JOINT INDUSTRY MEETING / ACT MEETING

- I) ACT meeting to discuss Subscriber Verification Penalty issue was held on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2011.
- II) NFAP Drafting Group 1 Meeting was held on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2011.

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- III) Joint Industry meeting to discuss issues related to MNP Implementation was held on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2011.
- IV) ACT meeting to discuss Subscriber Verification Penalty issue was held on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2011.
- V) Joint Industry meeting to discuss issues related to MNP Implementation was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2011.

### C. OTHER IMPORT EVENTS

- I) USOF Pre-Bid Conference on Tenders was held on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2011.
- II) World Bank's ICT Sector Strategy Consultation meeting was held on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2011.
- III) FICCI Roundtable with Shri Ashok Chawla on allocation of Natural Resources was held on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2011.
- IV) NTT Docomo Seminar was held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2011.
- V) PTC India Foundation 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference was held on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2011.
- VI) ASSOCHAM Cyber Law Committee Meeting was held on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2011.
- VII) 14<sup>th</sup> National Conference on e-Governance was held on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2011 at Aurangabad.
- VIII) Meeting with Hon'ble MOC&IT Kapil Sibal on Media trade Skill-development ideas was held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2011.
- IX) CII Telecom Committee Meeting on India-Thailand and India-Indonesia CEPA was held on 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> February 2011.
- X) IITCOE Workshop on "Developing a Framework for the New Telecom Policy" was held on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2011.

### IX. UPCOMING EVENTS

- I) **23<sup>rd</sup> March 2011:** TRAI OHD on Consultation paper on 1. "Quality of Service requirements for delivery of basic financial services using Mobile phones" & 2. "Issues arising out of Provisioning and Delivery of Basic Financial Services using Mobile Phones in the context of Pricing of Services by Mobile Service Providers" at Hotel Intercontinental Lalit, Mumbai.
- II) **23<sup>rd</sup> March 2011:** DCC Committee meeting of Mobile Division on LTE GR & Revision of UTRAN GR in TEC.
- III) **23<sup>rd</sup> March 2011:** 5<sup>th</sup> Governing Council Meeting of TCOE India in Sanchar Bhawan.
- IV) **23<sup>rd</sup> March 2011:** ASSOCHAM Telecom Meeting in Assocham House.
- V) **24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> March 2011:** 19<sup>th</sup> Convergence India 2011 in Pragati Maidan.
- VI) **25<sup>th</sup> March 2011:** ICA's FIRST INDIA AND CHINA LITHIUM-ION TECHNOLOGY FORUM in Pragati Maidan
- VII) **27<sup>th</sup> March 2011:** ASSOCHAM'S Interactive Session with Hon'ble Finance Minister at Hotel Taj Palace, Mumbai.
- VIII) **28<sup>th</sup> March 2011:** WWW2011 Conference in Hyderabad.
- IX) **30<sup>th</sup> March 2011:** FICCI Interactive Session on National Telecom Policy 2011 in FICCI.
- X) **1<sup>st</sup> April 2011:** 4<sup>th</sup> ASSOCHAM International Conference on Cyber & Network Security at Hotel Shangri La.
- XI) **28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> April 2011:** TRAI Seminar on 'Next Generation Network at New Delhi.

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**X. TELECOM BYTES**

- ✍️ A team of engineers at the Illinois University are developing the new battery which will have "nanotubes" instead of metal wing, a new battery which they say could be 100 times more powerful than the existing ones.

**Source: Financial Express**

- ✍️ Cabinet approved the GST constitution amendment Bill. The Government will aim to introduce the bill in the current session of Parliament.
- ✍️ Religare Technologies launched its phone and web-based healthcare information assistance service 'HealthLine 24x7'. The round-the-clock service would be available free of cost and the caller has to pay just local call charges.

**Source: Media**



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