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I. [IMPORTANT EVENTS](#)

- A. **1st July 2015:** Digital India Week was inaugurated by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India.
- B. **3rd July 2015:** Launch of Full Mobile Number Portability.

II. [TELECOM SUBSCRIPTION DATA AS ON 30th APRIL, 2015](#)

- ❖ **Total Subscribers – 999.71 Million**
- ❖ **Urban Subscribers – 580.13 Million**
- ❖ **Rural Subscribers – 419.58 Million**
- ❖ **Total Wireless Subscribers – 973.35 Million**
- ❖ **Overall Teledensity – 77.46**

III. [TRAI DIRECTIONS / NOTIFICATION / REGULATION /CONSULTATION PAPER/ RECOMMENDATION](#)

- A. **2nd July 2015:** TRAI response to DOT relating to Spectrum Cap and minimum Spectrum Holding.
- B. **21st May 2015:** TRAI Released Clarifications / Reconsideration of Recommendations on Working Guidelines for Spectrum Trading and Guidelines on Spectrum Sharing.
- C. **7th May 2015:** TRAI issued Second Amendment to Direction dated 2nd March, 2015 to M/s Vodafone India Ltd. to discontinue use of level 111.
- D. **1st May 2015:** TRAI Releases Recommendations on Introducing Virtual Network Operators in Telecom Sector.
- E. **29th April 2015:** TRAI Releases Draft Telecom Consumers Protection (Eighth Amendment) Regulations, 2015 regarding data services.
- F. **17th April 2015:** **TRAI Released** Recommendations on Delivering Broadband Quickly: What do we need to do?



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- G. **18th April 2015:** TRAI issued directions to all Access Providers to obtain undertaking in the porting request form regarding ownership of mobile number.
- H. **9th April 2015:** TRAI reduces ceiling tariffs for national roaming service and mandates a special roaming tariff plan with incoming voice calls free.
- I. **8th April 2015:** TRAI Response on DoT reference back on recommendations on Telecom Network Failures during Emergencies/Disasters – Priority routing of calls of persons engaged in 'response and recovery'.
- J. **7th April 2015:** TRAI releases Recommendations on implementation of "Single Number based Integrated Emergency Communication and Response System"
- K. **1st April 2015:** TRAI sought comments on Review of Reporting System on Accounting Separation Regulation (7 of 2012).

A. TRAI MEETINGS

- A. **29th June 2015:** Meeting of the TRAI Committee on empowerment of women through ICT funded through Telecommunication Consumer Education and Protection Fund was held in TRAI
- B. **12th June 2015:** Meeting on Draft Telecom Consumer Protection (8th Amendment) Regulation 2015 was held under the Chairmanship of Secretary, TRAI.
- C. **4th June 2015:** Meeting of the TRAI Committee on empowerment of women through ICT funded through Telecommunication Consumer Education and Protection Fund was held in TRAI.
- D. **16th April 2015:** Meeting on Use of missed call for commercial purpose was held under the chairmanship of Advisor (NSL-I).

B. DOT MEETINGS

- A. **Full Mobile Number Portability :** DOT has scheduled series of meeting with stakeholders and industry associations to review of status of Full Mobile Number Portability on 29th, 26th, 25th and 5th June 2015, 25th, 12th & 6th May 2015 and 17th April 2015.
- B. **30th June 2015:** Meeting on National EMF Portal under the Chairmanship of DDG (CS) was held in Sanchar Bhawan.
- C. **29th June 2015:** A Meeting with regard to the forthcoming USOF Tender to provide mobile services in North-Eastern Region was held in Sanchar Bhawan..
- D. **29th June 2015:** A Meeting with regard to the Harmonization of 1800 MHz band was held in Sanchar Bhawan.
- E. **23rd June 2015:** A Meeting to discuss the issue of the OFC connectivity between Mainland India (Chennai) and Andaman & Nicobar Islands was held under the Chairmanship of Member (T) in Sanchar Bhawan.
- F. **22nd June 2015:** A Meeting to resolve issue of regarding Congestion in Emergency Number 100 was held in Sanchar Bhawan.
- G. **22nd June 2015:** A Meeting to discuss issue of inclusion of dedicated key on feature phones/ Smart phones was held under the Chairmanship of DDG (Security) in Sanchar Bhawan.
- H. **19th June 2015:** A Meeting on 112 based integrated emergency communications and Response system was held under the Chairmanship of Secretary (T) in Sanchar Bhawan.
- I. **12th June 2015:** Industry interaction SAARC Telecom / ICT was held in Sanchar Bhawan.
- J. **12th June 2015:** A meeting on Electrifying one tower per village under DDUGJY scheme was held under the Chairmanship of JS (T) in Sanchar Bhawan.

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- K. 2nd June 2015:** A meeting to understand the views of different stakeholders on the proposed USOF Schemes for provision of mobile services in uncovered Villages of Himalayan States, Western Border States, Andaman & Nicobar Island and Lakshadweep Island was held under the Chairmanship of Member (T) in Sanchar Bhawan.
- L. 22nd May 2015:** Industry Associations and their Members had a meeting with Secretary (T), DOT on Rationalization of Penalties
- M. 22nd May 2015:** 'First meeting of the DoT Committee on Optical Fibre Infrastructure was held in Sanchar Bhawan.
- N. 26th May 2015:** Meeting to discuss the outcome of the testing held in Haryana for validation of EMF Portal was held in TEC.
- O. 21st May 2015:** Meeting on National EMF Portal was held under the Chairmanship of Member (T) in Sanchar Bhawan.
- P. 18th May & 30th April 2015:** Meeting of NWG-5 of Radio Sector Chaired by Sr. DDG, TEC was held in TEC.
- Q. 14th May 2015:** Meeting of National Preparatory Committee 2015 for World Radio Conference was held in Sanchar Bhawan.
- R. 12th May 2015:** Conference on 'Smart Infrastructure: Supporting Policies and Regulations for M2M Communications was held in Vigyan Bhawan.
- S. 30th April 2015:** Meeting of NWG-5 of Radio Sector Chaired by Sr. DDG, TEC was held in TEC.
- T. 29th April 2015:** Interactions with Industry Associations on Net Neutrality was held in Sanchar Bhawan.
- U. 27th April 2015:** Secretary (T) has taken a meeting on Quality of Service of TSPs in Sanchar Bhawan.

- V. 23rd April 2015:** A meeting to discuss Monthly Telecom Scenario was held in Sanchar Bhawan.
- W. 20th April 2015:** Final meeting of Expert Committee on "Development of SIM card Operating system and leveraging mobile devices was held in TEC.
- X. 15th April 2015:** Meeting of Telecom Equipment Manufacturing Council Chaired by Advisor (T) was held in Sanchar Bhawan.
- Y. 7th April 2015:** Meeting of the high level committee constituted by DoT on revenue / deduction verifications was held in Sanchar Bhawan. A follow up meeting was held on **17th April 2015** in Chennai.

C. AUSPI LETTERS

- A. 19th June 2015:** Letter to Member (T), DOT regarding liberalization of partial spectrum holding of existing administratively allocated spectrum and allowing deferred payment option for the same.
- B. 2nd June 2015:** Letter to Secretary (T), DOT regarding spectrum acquired in February 2015 auction- rollout obligations & performance bank guarantees.
- C. 26th May 2015:** Letter to Secretary, DEA, and JS (FM), MoF regarding approval for raising ECBs under automatic route for refinancing rupee loans taken for payment of fees for spectrum allocation in March 2015.
- D. 18th May 2015:** Letter to Wireless Advisor, DOT regarding Wireless Operating License.
- E. 18th May 2015:** Letter to Secretary (T), DOT regarding rationalization of penalties.
- F. 12th May 2015:** Letter to Secretary (T), DOT to permit liberalization of partial spectrum holding of existing administratively allocated spectrum and allowing deferred payment option for the same.

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G. **8th May 2015:** Letter to CMD,BSNL regarding TG segregation by TSPs for implementation of new IUC Regulation 2015.

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H. **4th May 2015:** Letter to Advisor (T),DOT regarding committee which was constituted in DOT to examine various aspects of net neutrality.

I. **24th April 2015:** Submitted response to TRAI Consultation Paper No. 2/2015 on 'Regulatory Framework for OTT Services'.

J. **22nd April 2015:** Submitted comments to TRAI regarding review of 'The Reporting System on Accounting Separation Regulations, 2012.'

K. **21st April 2015:** Letter to DDG (AS-I),DOT regarding implementation of Full Mobile Number Portability in India.

L. **14th April 2015:** Letter to JWA,DOT regarding validity of Wireless Operating License.

D. [JOINT INDUSTRY LETTERS](#)

A. **24th June 2015:** Letter to Secretary (T) on Disallowance of IUC/Roaming/Pass through Charges paid to foreign Operators by CCA.

B. **19th June 2015:** Letter to Director (R), TEC on Field validation of sample sites of Haryana for the EMF Portal.

C. **17th June 2015:** Industry submission to TRAI on Draft Telecom Consumer Protection (8th Amendment) Regulation 2015.

D. **9th June 2015:** Letter to Secretary (T) regarding payments for Universal Service Obligation.

E. **8th June 2015:** Letter to Secretary, TRAI regarding issues pertaining to interconnection between Private TSPs and BSNL.

F. **1st June 2015:** Letter to CMD, BSNL, seeking an appointment to discuss the issue of interest

charged by BSNL on delayed payments of TSPs.

In response to the above letter, BSNL vide letter no. RegIn/370-6/2014/1274 of 22nd June clarified that:

➤ *There is no change in the overall interest rate viz. as contained in the Interconnect Agreement. PLR has been replaced with Base Rate as banks are no longer using PLR. It is only a substitution.*

➤ *On the issue of reciprocity in interest, the Hon'ble TDSAT judgement is under challenge in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, as such matter is subjudice.*

G. **1st June 2015:** Letter to Secretary, TRAI, regarding AT for Implementation of Full Mobile Number Portability in India.

H. **18th May 2015:** Letter to DDG (LF) w.r.t Requirement for submission of 'Proforma A' as per the LF assessment clarifications dated 28th June 2013 as sought by various CCA offices.

I. **4th May 2015:** Industry submission to Principal CCA, DOT on License Fee Assessment.

J. **30th April 2015:** Letter to CMD, BSNL, w.r.t to the higher infrastructure rate charged by BSNL for Active Links of Licensed Telecom Service Providers.

K. **14th April 2015:** Letter to CMD, BSNL, w.r.t to the call forwarding issue post Full MNP.

L. **14th April 2015:** Letter to Chief Administrator, Chandigarh Administration, w.r.t the Chandigarh Policy on Towers for Mobile Telephone and Data Services

M. **9th April 2015:** Letter to Sr. DDG, TEC EMF Measurements of Micro cell/Small cell sites (Light poles etc.) and High elevation antenna sites and Provision of Safety Signages for Microcell/Small cell sites (light Poles etc.).

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- N. **7th April 2015:** Industry Suggestion for post budget 2015-2016 changes in Indirect taxes - CenVat Credit to Commissioner, Central Excise, Ministry of Finance.
- O. **7th April 2015:** Letter to Secretary (T), DoT seeking extension of time for meeting rollout obligations of 2100 MHz band Spectrum in view of New TSTP.

E. ACT LETTERS

- A. **29th June 2015:** Letter to Member (T) regarding Summons by Special Investigation Team (SIT), Notices from Commissioner of Police, Vijayawada & Superintendent of Police - CID, Hyderabad Government of Andhra Pradesh for purportedly unauthorized telephone tapping/interceptions.
- B. **12th June 2015:** Letter to Member (T) regarding Utilization of e-Sign service of the Controller of Certifying Authorities (CCA) to make fully paperless process for issuing mobile connections to subscribers.
- C. **28th May & 26th May 2015:** Letter to Jt. Secretary and Chief Secretary J&K on Sopore Issue.

F. MEETINGS

A. AUSPI MEETINGS

- i. **26th June 2015:** Meeting to discuss Priority Call Routing.
- ii. **19th June 2015:** Meeting with Jt. Secretary (A) to discuss AUSPI's letter on Approval for raising ECBS.
- iii. **18th June 2015:** Meeting to discuss AUSPI's views on 112 based integrated emergency communication.
- iv. **17th June 2015:** BSNL Meeting regarding interconnection issues and creation of separate trunk group etc.
- v. **12th June 2015:** Meeting to finalize inputs to TRAI regarding spectrum cap & minimum spectrum holding.

- vi. **4th June:** Meeting with Member (F) was held in Sanchar Bhawan.
- vii. **28th May 2015:** Meeting to discuss various issues like Spectrum Sharing & Trading, Harmonization of 1800 MHz spectrum, EMF Portal, USOF Presentation regarding rural connectivity etc.
- viii. **20th May 2015:** Meeting to frame views on Rationalization of Penalties.
- ix. **5th May 2015:** 133rd AUSPI Executive Council Meeting.
- x. **28th April 2015:** Meeting to discuss AUSPI's views on Net Neutrality.
- xi. **22nd April 2015 & 2nd April 2015:** Meeting to discuss AUSPI's views on TRAI consultation paper on OTT.
- xii. **16th April 2015:** Meeting to discuss and frame views on various issues related to TRAI, DeiT, DOT etc.

B. JOINT INDUSTRY MEETINGS / ACT MEETINGS

- I) **29th June 2015:** Meeting on formation of T-ISAC was held in COAI.
- II) **18th June 2015:** IT Dept. of Govt. of Meghalaya w.r.t Mobile Tower Radiation.
- III) **18th June 2015:** Meeting to discuss and frame actions on TDSAT Judgment on AGR was held in COAI.
- IV) **16th June 2015:** Meeting to discuss & agree on the proposal to be submitted to TRAI with regard to the notifications to be send to customers on Data usage was held in COAI.
- V) **16th June 2015:** Meeting to discuss Proposal based on K.100 ITU-Standard for Inherently Compliant Sites was held in COAI.
- VI) **11th June 2015:** Meeting to frame discussion points for TRAI meeting on Draft Telecom Consumer Protection (8th Amendment) Regulation 2015 was held in COAI.

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- VII) **8th -9th June 2015:** Southern Workshop on issues related to Implementation of subscriber verification 'guidelines & Security and Workshop on Issues related to implementation of EMR guidelines & related Test Procedure was held in Ooty.
- VIII) **3rd June 2015:** A meeting with Chief Minister of J&K with regard to Sopore Issue was held in J&K.
- IX) **3rd June 2015:** Industry meeting was held with BSNL on Active Infrastructure Charges at BSNL Office.
- X) **27th May 2015:** Meeting to discuss issues related Southern Region Workshop was held in COAI.
- XI) **20th May 2015:** Meeting discuss issues related Draft Telecom Consumer Protection (8th Amendment) Regulation 2015 was held in COAI.
- XII) **14th May 2015:** Meeting to frame views on Draft Telecom Consumer Protection (8th Amendment) Regulation 2015 was held in COAI was held in COAI.
- XIII) **8th May 2015:** Meeting to discuss the issues pertaining to the Acceptance Testing (A.T) prescribed by DoT for Full MNP was held in COAI.
- XIV) **14th May:** Meeting to discuss Draft Telecom Consumer Protection (8th Amendment) Regulation 2015 was held in COAI.
- XV) **30th April 2015:** Meeting to discuss Full Mobile Number Portability was held in COAI.
- XVI) **14th April 2015:** Meeting to discuss and frame views on Development of SIM card Operating system and leveraging mobile devices" was held in AUSPI.
- XVII) **9th - 10th April 2015:** Eastern Workshop on issues related to Implementation of subscriber verification 'guidelines & Security and Workshop on Issues related to

implementation of EMR guidelines & related Test Procedure was held in Ooty

- XVIII) **6th April 2015:** Meeting to discuss potential vulnerabilities on account of imported SIM cards was held in COAI.

G. AUCTION OF SPECTRUM – FEBRUARY 2015 – A LOOK BACK

- **9th January 2015:** Notice Inviting Applications (NIA)
- Various dates between **27th January 2015 to 13th February 2015:** Amendments, Clarifications, Supplementary queries and responses to NIA.
- **17th February 2015:** List of Applicants & Ownership details.
- **24th February 2015:** List of prequalified bidders
- **27th February 2015:** List of Final bidders
- **27th February 2015:** Order of Supreme Court regarding NIA dated 9th January 2015.
- **3rd March 2015:** 2nd Supplementary queries and responses to NIA.
- **4th to 25th March 2015:** Auction days.
- **26th March 2015:** Provisional frequency allocation report.
- **26th March 2015:** Provisional Auction results and Court Order.
- **29th March 2015:** Payment methodology and payment details.
- **4th April 2015:** Update of Payment details.

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H. TELECOM BYTES

Indian Railways Starts SMS Alert Service for Cancelled Trains

Indian Railways have begun sending SMS alerts to passengers if the train they have booked tickets for is cancelled.

The Ministry of Railways in a statement on 25th June 2015 said it had started another passenger-friendly measure on a pilot-basis, under which SMS messages would be sent to passengers if the train in which they have booked their tickets is cancelled

Cellphone Data Can Help Track Real-Time Unemployment Levels : Study

According to a new study co-authored by MIT researchers, it is discovered that Cellphone data can detect unemployment levels in real-time because people's communications patterns change when they are not working.

Using a plant closing in Europe as the basis for their study, the researchers found that in the months following layoffs, the total number of calls made by laid-off individuals dropped by 51 percent compared with working residents, and by 41 percent compared with all phone users.

The researchers believe the phone data closely aligns with standard unemployment measures, and may allow analysts to make unemployment projections two to eight weeks faster than those made using traditional methods.

New safety system can anticipate driver's mistakes

Indian-origin researchers have developed a new car safety system that anticipates what the driver is going to do a few seconds before it happens to prevent those behind the wheel from committing mistakes.

By observing the driver's body language and considering that in the context of what's happening outside the car, a new computer algorithm determines the probability that the driver will turn, change lanes or continue straight ahead. The car's safety system could warn the driver when the anticipated action could be dangerous. The warning might be a light, a sound or even a vibration.

Technology could make children borderline autistic

Constant use of technology such as smartphones is making today's children display borderline "autistic" behaviour, says psychiatrists. They said that kids as young as five are becoming increasingly unable to read facial expressions or show empathy, compared to those in previous generations.

Many autistic people lack the intuition in social situations that most people have naturally, like recognising or understanding the emotions of others.

A PC the size of a credit card for \$9

A Californian start-up is developing a credit card-sized computer that will cost only \$9 in its most basic form. The Chip computer that will have a 1Ghz processor, 512MB of RAM and 4GB of onboard storage and also includes some network technologies, such as wi-fi and Bluetooth.



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