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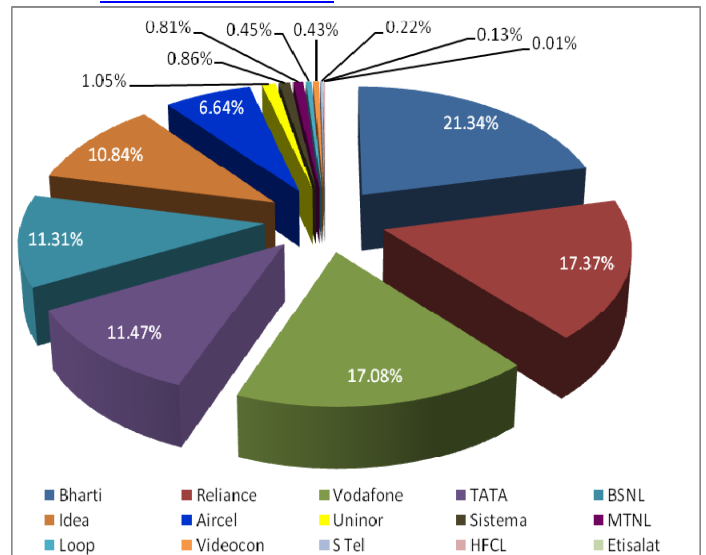
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### I. [SUBSCRIBER FIGURES – JULY 2010](#)

- ❖ Total Telephone Subscriber Base reaches 688.38 Million
- ❖ Wireless Subscription reaches 652.42 Million
- ❖ 16.92 Million Wireless Subscriber added
- ❖ Broadband subscriber number reaches 9.77 million mark
- ❖ Tele-density reaches 58.17% mark

#### A. [WIRELESS SERVICE PROVIDER'S MARKET SHARE - JULY 2010](#)



(source TRAI)

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

- A. On 25<sup>th</sup> August 2010, TRAI vide letter no. 322/2/2009-CA (Vol. III) outlined the procedure for transferring grievances from Telecom Consumers Grievance Management System to the FTP account of respective Service Provider for stakeholders comments.
- B. On 20<sup>th</sup> August 2010 TRAI released recommendations on "Efficient Utilization of Numbering Resources in India". There are 10 sets of recommendations. Important among them are as follows:
  - 10 digits integrated numbering scheme by 31/12/11.

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- *Dial intra circle fixed to mobile call with prefix '0' in the intervening period before integrated numbering scheme is in place. No change in the dialing plan.*
  - *Service providers should not have more than three million unutilized numbers in each service area at the time request is made for new numbering resource.*
  - *TRAI wants to administer numbering plan.*
  - *No pricing for numbering resources and TRAI like to re-visit, if necessary*
- C. TRAI vide letter no. 409-2/2010-I&FN(Part)/1 dated 20<sup>th</sup> August 2010 sought views of the Associations on issues related to TRAI consultation paper on Collocation Charges w.r.t. the TRAI OHD held on 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2010 wherein it was agreed that all the Service Providers will meet along with BSNL & MTNL to sort out the issues related to Collocation Charges.
- D. On 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2010, TRAI released Consultation Paper on “Review of measures to protect the interest of consumers in telecom sector. Stakeholders are requested to submit their comments by 15<sup>th</sup> September 2010.

### III. TRAI OHD

- A. TRAI Open House Discussion on Consultation Paper on “Unsolicited Commercial Communications” was held on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2010 at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.
- B. TRAI Open House Discussion on Consultation Paper on “Collocation Charges” was held on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2010 at Hotel Claridges, New Delhi.

### IV. TRAI MEETING

- A. A Meeting to discuss issues related to Unsolicited Commercial Communications was held in TRAI on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2010 under with Chairman, TRAI in TRAI.
- B. A Meeting to discuss Development and implementation of TCGMS was held on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2010 in TRAI with Advisor (CN).

### V. DOT LETTERS

- A. On 27<sup>th</sup> August 2010 DoT vide letter No.11-7/2010-SI/9 has issued instructions for acceptance testing for MNP.
- B. On 27<sup>th</sup> August 2010 DoT vide letter No.11 7/2010-SI/11 proposed to conduct Pilot Acceptance Testing of MNP for one day on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2010 in all LSA as per plan of day 1.
- C. On 27<sup>th</sup> August 2010 DoT vide letter No. 800-15/2010-VAS-III/67 issued certain clarifications on the supplementary test procedure for measurement of EMF from BTS Antenna. This was subsequent to the meeting held in TEC on 27.08.2010 with the various service providers.

The letter clarifies points raised by AUSPI through its letter No. AUSPI/13/2010/159 dated 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2010. It has been clarified that self certifications of the existing sites has to be submitted by 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2010 and for these sites, requirement of photographs and layout have been made optional. However, for the shared sites, all the documents as per the test procedure of TEC need to be submitted.

- D. On 24<sup>th</sup> August 2010 DoT vide letter no.6/5/2010-Policy-I dated 24<sup>th</sup> August 2010 circulated brief suggestions received from Telecom Industry, Experts and Consumer Groups in relation to preparation of Strategic Plan for DOT for Next Five Years.
- E. TEC vide letter no. TBN/F/Committee-MBPOS/327/2010-TEC dated 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2010 intimated about the first meeting of the Committee constituted for Laying Standards for the m-PIN based Mobile Banking POS device scheduled on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2010 at TEC.
- F. On 18<sup>th</sup> August 2010, DOT vide circular no. No.18-13/2009-IP sought views of the Industry Associations on GST Consideration for Telecom Sector to send their recommendation to Ministry of Finance. .

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- G. DoT vide circular no. 800-4/2003/VAS dated 12<sup>th</sup> August 2010 issued a clarification regarding use of Ration Card as proof of POA/POI in Maharashtra and Mumbai Service Area.

The circular stated that that in Maharashtra and Mumbai Service Area Ration Card will not be accepted as POI/POA.

- H. On 13<sup>th</sup> August 2010, DOT vide letter no. 800-15/2010-VAS issued an order stating that Self Certification for existing BTS to be completed by 15<sup>th</sup> November 2010 and to be submitted to respective TERM Cell else penalty shall be imposed.
- I. On 10<sup>th</sup> August 2010, DOT vide letter no. 800-34/2009-VAS issued an order stating that the launch of commercial services in any service area w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> September 2010 shall be given to only those licensees who are MNP Compliant.
- J. DOT vide circular No. 17-4/2010-S1 dated 5<sup>th</sup> August 2010 circulated the Record Notes of discussion of MNP review meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2010 under the Chairmanship of Member (T).
- K. On 4<sup>th</sup> August 2010, DOT vide letter no. 800-15/2010-VAS-III/4 forwarded copy of the Supplement on Test Procedure for measurement of EMF from Base Transceiver Station Antenna for Associations inputs.
- L. On 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2010, DOT vide letter No.800-66/2009-VAS issued a notice in connection with subscriber verification with respect to misuse of the PoA & PoI. The circular instruct that documents submitted for obtaining the mobile connection should not be misused;

### VI. DOT MEETINGS

- A. DOT meeting in connection National IPv6 Deployment Roadmap was held on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2010 under the Chairmanship of Member (T) in TEC.
- B. Secretary (T), DOT convened a meeting with Industry Associations on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2010 in

connection with issues related to Subscriber Verification at Sanchar Bhawan

- C. DOT Meeting in connection with issues related to utilization of UID number as proof of KYC for Telecoms was held on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2010 under the Chairmanship of DDG (AS) in Sanchar Bhawan.
- D. DOT Meeting in connection with Test Procedure for measurement of EMF from Base Transceiver Station Antenna was held on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2010 in TEC.
- E. Secretary (T), DOT convened a meeting with Access Service Providers in connection Unsolicited Commercial Communications on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2010 at Sanchar Bhawan.
- F. DOT Core Committee Meeting to discuss Strategic Plan for Department of Telecommunications for next Five Years on 'Rural Broadband' was held on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2010.
- G. Hon'ble Minister of State Communications & IT Mr. Sachin Pilot convened a meeting with Telecom Service Providers regarding Electro Magnetic fields reaction on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2010 at Electronics Niketan.
- H. First meeting of Core Working Group on India Telecom 2010 was held on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2010 under the Chairmanship of AS(T) in Sanchar Bhawan.
- I. MNP Implementation review meeting under the Chairmanship of Member (T) was held on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2010 in Sanchar Bhawan,
- J. MNP Implementation review meeting under the Chairmanship of Member (T) was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2010 in Sanchar Bhawan,
- K. 4th TCOE India Governing Council meeting was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2010 at Sanchar Bhawan under the Chairmanship of Secretary (T).

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### **VII. OTHER IMPORTANT CIRCULAR/PRESS RELEASE/LETTER**

- A. On 30<sup>th</sup> August 2010, MHA issue a press release in connection with RIM proposals for access of Blackberry Services by Security Agencies to be operationalized immediately. MHA stated that MHA will review the situation in 60 days.
- B. Lok Sabha Standing Committee on IT vide letter No. 16/1/IT/2009 dated 19th August 2010 solicited Association's view on the 'Quality of Services in the telecom sector'.

### **VIII. AUSPI LETTERS**

- A. On 25<sup>th</sup> August 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Secretary MHA requesting him to kindly invite AUSPI for the meeting convened by MHA with various service providers on 27th August, 2010.
- B. On 25<sup>th</sup> August 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Secretary (T), DOT requesting to kindly suitably request MHA to invite AUSPI for the meeting convened by MHA with various service providers on 27th August, 2010.
- C. On 25<sup>th</sup> August 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Secretary (T), DOT requesting to include non-European Vendors also in the MHA meeting scheduled on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2010.
- D. On 25<sup>th</sup> August 2010, AUSPI submitted its inputs to formulate the strategic plan for the DOT for the next five years on Licensing Matters.
- E. On 25<sup>th</sup> August 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to CMD, with reference to BSNL letter dated 14<sup>th</sup> July 2010 addressed to TSPs regarding Facilitating termination of Level-1 emergency calls.

AUSPI requested BSNL to give an opportunity to our member service providers for a personal hearing for arriving at a mutually agreed terms

and conditions and till such time status quo may please be maintained.

- F. On 25<sup>th</sup> August 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Chairman, TRAI requesting to set floor price of 13 cents per minutes for settlement in India of international long distance minutes originating from the Middle East, without disturbing the local termination charges.
- G. On 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Secretary (T), DOT requesting to allocate 450 MHz band to CDMA operators as a natural growth path for its expansion.
- H. On 20<sup>th</sup> August 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Jt. Advisor (MN) regarding TRAI's Proposed format for MIS Reports post MNP scenario.

AUSPI stated that too many submission and report are now required to be furnished by service providers and there should not be further increase in reporting and it would be better if this can be done away with. AUSPI also suggested that service providers will be able to report those porting requests which have been captured on the system within this time period.

- I. On 20<sup>th</sup> August 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to CMD, BSNL regarding Interconnect Agreement.

AUSPI requested BSNL to immediately review interconnect agreements and grant AUSPI a personal hearing along with our member service providers where the issues arising between BSNL and member service providers concerning the Interconnect Agreement can be discussed and settled.

- J. On 19<sup>th</sup> August 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to DDG (AS), requesting to kindly advice the concerned departments in DOT & WPC to immediately provide the import licenses to our member service providers, so that they can import telecom equipment / software against the template of agreement between vendors and Service Providers submitted to DOT for import from these vendors.

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K. On 19<sup>th</sup> August 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Member (F), DOT requesting that the spectrum usage charges be accepted by DOT on post quarterly basis as in the case of payment of revenue share license fee.

L. On 18<sup>th</sup> August 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Secretary (T), DOT requesting to extend license period by the period of delay in allotment of spectrum and amend current UASL for 3G services.

M. On 17<sup>th</sup> August 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Administrator, USOF regarding Proposed USO Schemes for Wireless Broadband and Second Phase of Shared Mobile Infrastructure.

AUSPI submitted some inputs to USOF for their consideration while finalizing the tender.

N. On 16<sup>th</sup> August 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Chairman, TRAI requesting the Authority to kindly issue on priority basis a comprehensive consultation paper at the earliest in order to review the Interconnect Usage Charges and Port Charges

O. On 16<sup>th</sup> August 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Chairman, TRAI requesting Authority's immediate intervention to specify interconnection arrangements between IN and access service providers for Calling Card Services.

P. On 16<sup>th</sup> August 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Secretary (T), DOT on Tri-Partite Agreement. AUSPI requested DOT that all requests for execution of Tri-partite agreements be cleared every fortnight.

Q. On 11<sup>th</sup> August 2010, AUSPI submitted at letter to Director (AS-II) seeking certain clarification on the recent TEC Supplement on Test Procedure for measurement of electromagnetic fields from Base Station Antenna.

R. On 11<sup>th</sup> August 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Hon'ble Minister of Communications & IT countering the arguments presented by Vodafone against the TRAI recommendations

which is deviously denying the Government from getting its rightful share of the value of spectrum, a precious and scarce natural resource

AUSPI requested Hon'ble MOC&IT that Vodafone should be asked to pay excess 2G spectrum at least as per the recommendations of TRAI. Vodafone may be asked to surrender the excess spectrum in case it does not want to pay for the excess spectrum.

S. On 11<sup>th</sup> August 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Hon'ble MOCI&IT on Rollout Obligation of UASL – First year's rollout.

AUSPI requested Hon'ble MOC&IT that:

i. *The date of submission of the request by service providers to TEC for the DHQs be considered as date of meeting the rollout obligation.*

ii. *Re: sub clause (xii) : The minimum period of 12 months after issue of test schedule should be permitted to CDMA based Unified Access Providers*

T. On 9<sup>th</sup> August 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Hon'ble MOCI&IT requesting that incumbent GSM Operators should be asked to pay charges for the excess spectrum as per the recommendations of TRAI and in case they does not want to pay for the excess spectrum , they shall be asked to surrender the excess spectrum.

U. On 4<sup>th</sup> August 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Hon'ble MOCI&IT on DOT's proposals to impose penalties for not meeting one year roll out obligation in all telecom circles particularly in the case of J&K, Assam and North East.

AUSPI requested Hon'ble MOC&IT that:

i. *the proposal to impose penalty on account of not meeting one year roll out obligation in all telecom circles should be dropped.*

ii. *the rollout obligation of coverage of 10% DHQs in the first year should be revised to coverage of 10% DHQs in three years in the service areas of J&K, Assam and North East*

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### **IX. JOINT INDUSTRY LETTER**

- A. On 30<sup>th</sup> August 2010, a Joint Industry letter seeking clarity regarding Acceptance of Testing for MNP was submitted to Secretary (T), DOT.
- B. On 26<sup>th</sup> August 2010, a Joint Industry letter was submitted to CMD, BSNL requesting BSNL to provide operator wise circle-wise break up/details of Carriage Charges for the period November 2005 to March 2009
- C. On 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2010, a Joint Industry letter was submitted to Hon'ble Minister of State for Communications & IT requesting him to officially release the IIT Madras study on EMF radiation from Mobile Towers.
- D. On 20<sup>th</sup> August 2010, a Joint Industry letter on Installation of Cellular Towers and Impact of proposed Amendments in the Maharashtra Regional and Town Planning Act was submitted to Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Chief Secretary, Maharashtra and Principal Secretary, Urban Development, Maharashtra.
- E. On 18<sup>th</sup> August 2010, Joint Industry submission was made to TRAI on UCC.
- F. On 5<sup>th</sup> August 2010, a Joint Industry letter was submitted to Commissioner, MCD requesting to De-Seal Telecom Towers in terms of Order passed by Hon'ble Delhi High Court on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2010.

### **X. ACT LETTERS**

- A. On 25<sup>th</sup> August 2010, ACT submitted to DOT list of POA/POI documents for Corporate Connections.
- B. On 16<sup>th</sup> August 2010, ACT submitted a letter to Secretary (T), DOT on problems faced by Telecom Service Providers in Karnataka & Andhra Pradesh.

### **XI. MEETINGS**

#### **A. AUSPI MEETING**

- i. AUSPI Meeting to discuss various issues was held 30<sup>th</sup> August 2010 at AUSPI.
- ii. AUSPI meeting prior to Hon'ble MOS&IT meeting related to EMF issues was held on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2010 at AUSPI.
- iii. AUSPI meeting to discuss issues related to Security Clearance of Equipment was held on 6<sup>th</sup> August at AUSPI.

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

- I) ACT meeting to discuss subscriber verification systems was held on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2010.
- II) Joint Industry meeting to Discuss Issues Related to Collocation Charges was held on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2010.
- III) Joint Industry meeting to review status of MNP Implementation was held on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2010
- IV) Joint Industry Meeting to discuss Carriage Charges Matter was held on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2010.
- V) Joint Industry Meeting was held with Maharashtra Chief secretary and Maharashtra Industry Minister on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2010.
- VI) Joint Industry meeting to review status of MNP Implementation was held on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2010.
- VII) Joint Industry meeting to discuss issues related to UCC was held on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2010
- VIII) Joint Industry meeting with Additional Commissioner, MCD was held on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2010.
- IX) Joint Industry meeting to review status of MNP Implementation was held on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2010.
- X) ACT meeting to discuss various issues related to Subscriber Verification was held on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2010.

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- XI) Joint Industry meeting to review status of MNP Implementation was held on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2010.
- XII) Joint Industry meeting to review status of MNP Implementation was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2010.

**C. OTHER IMPORT EVENTS**

- I) Voice & Data Forum on 3G was held on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2010 at Hotel Le Meridien, New Delhi.
- II) 7th ASSOCHAM eGov Summit-2010 was held on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2010 at Hotel Le Meridien.
- III) Intel Forum on "Catalyzing the Indian Internet Economy" was held on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2010 at Hotel Tal Palace.
- IV) CII Telecom & Broadband Committee Meeting was held on on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2010 at IGSSS Building, Lodhi Road.
- V) 3G India Forum 2010 by Network 18 was held on on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2010 at Hotel Oberoi.
- VI) WiMax 2010 was held on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2010 at Hotel Le Meridien.
- VII) India Telecom 2010 Golf Committee Meeting was held on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2010 at AUSPI
- VIII) Meeting of FICCI Subcommittee on Security Related Issues was held on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2010 at Federation House, FICCI at Federation House, FICCI .
- IX) Voice & Data Awards 2010 was held on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2010.
- X) Meeting of FICCI Subcommittee on Security Related Issues was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2010 at Federation House, FICCI at Federation House, FICCI .

**XII. UPCOMING EVENTS**

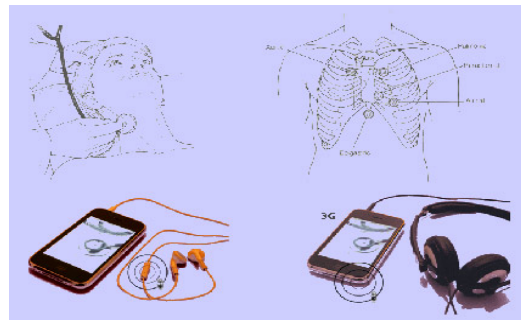
- I) **9-11 December 2010:** India Telecom 2010.
- II) **24<sup>th</sup> September 2010:** 13<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of AUSPI.

- III) **18<sup>th</sup> September 2010:** TDSAT Seminar on Dispute Resolution in Telecom & Broadcasting Sectors at Puduchery.

**XIII. TELECOM BYTES**

**📱 iPhone MAY REPLACE STETHOSCOPE!**

*The iPhone could soon replace the traditional stethoscope, with the help of University College London researcher Mr. Peter Bentley who invented the 'iStethoscope' application which monitors heartbeat through sensors in the iPhone*



**Source: Times of India**

**📱 SMART PHONES – A MIND READER!**

*Intel Corp's research chief, Justin Rattner, says that technology has advanced to the point that "context-aware computing", an idea that's been around for two decades, is becoming more of a reality with the rise of mobile devices.*

*That could lead to phones that act as psychics in your pocket. The devices could be doing things with that information, such as predicting what you might do next and offering suggestions*

**Source : The Times of India**

**📱 237 MN INTERNET USERS IN INDIA BY 2015**

*In a study titled 'Internet's New bn', the Boston Consulting Group said Brazil, Russia, India, China and Indonesia (BRIC) will have more than 1.2 bn internet users by 2015 - well over three times the number of internet users in Japan and the US combined.*

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The report states that there are currently about 81 mn Internet users in India--a number that will nearly triple by around 2015 to 237 mn.

**Source: The Economic Times**

**✍️ PRESS RELEASE BY DELHI POLICE**

**DON'T RESPOND TO AN EMAIL OR SMS WHICH CLAIMS**

- ❖ You have won lottery or prize from a bid or competition in which you did not even participate
- ❖ Somebody has made a 'will' for you before dying abroad.
- ❖ You have been selected for a job abroad or offered a part time job on commission basis.
- ❖ You have been asked to provide your 'user name & password' by a bank for updating your personal information.
- ❖ Somebody has informed you that he would deposit huge funds into your bank account or pay commission to you.
- ❖ Black Dollars are being sent to you.
- ❖ Your friend has been stranded in some country and has lost his money etc. and is not able to pay his dues for hotel/tax/travelling etc.

**✍️ JUST FOR LAUGHS 😊**

**# IDENTITY**

The Government has just started the UID project. I just hope they dont ask for the photos now, coz' by the time they finish we will be too old.



*View on AUSPI website [www.auspi.in](http://www.auspi.in)*



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