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I. [TRAJ CIRCULAR / LETTERS / NOTICE](#)

- A. TRAI has issued the "Telecom Commercial Communications Customer Preference (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2010" on 28th December 2010. According to the provisions of these regulations, Telemarketers Registration shall commence from 15th January, 2011 and other provisions shall come into force from 1st February, 2011
- B. TRAI has released a consultation paper on "Encouraging Telecom Equipment Manufacturing in India" on 28th December 2010.
- C. On 28th December 2010, TRAI vide letter no. 341-5/2010-CA dated 28th December 2010 sought information regarding Premium Charges for railway enquiry short code no. 139. TRAI requested the Telecom Service Providers to provide information on the following:
 - i. Tariff charged for calls made from mobile to short code no. 139
 - ii. Tariff charged for calls made from basic telephone (landline) to short code no. 139
 - iii. Distribution of the amount so collected amongst the stakeholder.
- D. TRAI has issued a letter No.409-9/2010-I & FN dated 24TH December 2010 regarding pre consultation on the Review of Interconnection Usage Charge and requested opinion of the stakeholders.
- E. TRAI through letter no. 106-4/2010-MN dated 24th December 2010 requested the TSPs to submit VLR subscriber data on monthly basis w.e.f. December 2010.
- F. TRAI has released Recommendations on National Broadband Plan on 8th December 2010.
- G. TRAI has issues a direction on 3rd December 2010 regarding Charges applicable for SMS to 1900.

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II. TRAI OHD

- A. TRAI OHD on Consultation Paper on "Review of Measures to Protect Interest of Consumers in the Telecom Sector" & 'Certain Issues Relating to Telecom Tariff" was held on 14th December 2010 at Hotel Clarks Amer, Jaipur.

III. DOT LETTERS

- A. On 30th December 2010, DOT circulated the revised subscriber verification draft for Stake Holders comments.
- B. On 16th December 2010, DOT through an email, circulated the draft strategic plan for DOT for the next five years on 'security and network policy' and requested the Association to submit their views on the same.
- C. On 13th December 2010. DOT vide letter no. 16-60/2010-IP intimated the Association about constitution of a High Level committee on Financing Infrastructure. DOT sought views of the Association on the following points:-
- To indicate invest proposed to be made during the 12th Five Year Plan. Also indicate investment during the 11th Five year plan.
 - To suggest the ways to enable the requisite flow of private investment in Infrastructure including creation of supporting investor friendly environment.
 - To indicate any regulatory / legal impediment constraining private investment in Infrastructure.
- D. On 10th December 2010, TEC vide letter no. TEC/SA/IPv6 Task Force/2010 intimated about the formation on India IPv-6 Task Force with one Oversight Committee, one Steering Committee & Ten Working Groups.
- E. On 10th December 2010, DOT vide letter no. Letter No.800-15/2010-VAS clarified certain aspects primarily relating to TERM Cell testing, upgraded sites testing etc.
- The instruction says that TERM cell test annually 10% of the BTS including existing and new sites in place of 10% new sites. This will be

done randomly at the discretion of TERM cell. Upgraded site where the configuration of the BTS including number change etc will require fresh certification.

- F. On 9th December 2010, DOT vide letter no. 800-16/2010-VAS-III, again directed the TSPs to submit the Subscriber database in the new format as instructed by DOT through their earlier letter of 20th April 2010.
- G. On 7th December 2010, DOT vide letter no. 800-25/2010-VAS instructed the Telecom Service Providers to modify the existing requirement for Legal Interception system capacity for simultaneous interception from 1% of the installed capacity to 5%.
- H. DOT extended the timeline to complete the re-verification exercise by December 31, 2010. (Ref. letter no. 1-34/2006-VI (Pt.) dated 2nd November 2010.)

IV. DOT MEETINGS

- A. A Meeting to review Mobile Number Portability was held on 29th December 2010 in Sanchar Bhawan
- B. A meeting of the NFAP 2010 Review Committee was held under the Chairmanship Wireless Advisor on 23rd December 2010 in Sanchar Bhawan.
- C. A Meeting of members of Leads & Co-leads Organization of India IPv6 Task Force was held on 23rd December 2010 in TEC.
- D. A meeting of the DOT Core Team on 'Convergence of Telecom, IT and Broadcasting' was held on Thursday, 16th December, 2010 under the chairmanship of JS(T), in Sanchar Bhawan.
- E. A meeting of the DOT Core Team on 'Telecom and Broadband Policy' was held on Thursday, 16th December, 2010 under the chairmanship of JS(T), in Sanchar Bhawan.

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F. A meeting to discuss issues relating to possible solution of encrypted communications was held on 8th December 2010 in TEC.

V. AUSPI LETTERS

A. On 29th December 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Member (T), DOT, regarding Surrender of frequency carriers in city and / or service area. AUSPI requested that :

- i. Requirement regarding surrender of frequency be limited to a certificate from the operator and applicable from the date of issue of the letter and
- ii. Surrender of frequency should not be linked to payment as Government has a lot of security from the service providers in the form of Performance Bank Guarantee and Financial Bank Guarantee.

B. On 27th December 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Director (T), DOT, reiterating AUSPI's views for Strategic Plan for DoT for next five years on 'Telecom & Broadband Policy'.

C. On 24th December 2010, AUSPI submitted counter comments to TRAI Consultation Paper No.15/2010 on Revenue Sharing Arrangement for Intelligent Network Services .

D. On 20th December 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Hon'ble MOCIT regarding Growth Path for CDMA Operators - CDMA 450 MHz & 1900 MHz. AUSPI requested for making available Spectrum in 450 MHz band and 1900 MHz band as the natural growth path for the CDMA operators.

E. On 16th December 2010, AUSPI submitted its response to TRAI on Additional Issues raised by Telecom Users Group of India TUGI on TRAI CP 'Certain Issues Relating to Telecom Tariffs'.

F. On 16th December 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Hon'ble MOC&IT, requesting to allow our Member Service Providers to start 3G services, including Video call services.

G. On 15th December 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Secretary (T), DOT, requesting to allow our Member Service Providers to start 3G services, including Video call services.

H. On 15th December 2010, AUSPI submitted its response to TRAI Consultation Paper No.14/2010 on Issues relating to blocking of IMEI for lost / stolen mobile handsets.

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J. On 13th December 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Secretary, Department of Revenue regarding Final Findings dated 19th October 2010 issued by the Directorate General of Antidumping & Allied Duties (DGAD), Ministry of Commerce, recommending imposition of anti-dumping duties on SDH transmission equipments imported from China / Israel.

AUSPI requested to reject the Final Findings and not levy Anti-Dumping duty without considering the facts and fully appreciating the consequences of the recommended levy. AUSPI also requested to take the views of the Department of Telecommunications in this regard.

K. On 9th December 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Secretary (T), DOT regarding Final Findings dated 19th October 2010 issued by the Directorate General of Antidumping & Allied Duties (DGAD), Ministry of Commerce, recommending imposition of anti-dumping duties on SDH transmission equipments imported from China / Israel.

AUSPI requested DOT's kind intervention for representing before the Hon'ble Ministry of Finance the potential adverse consequences of the recommended levy and requesting the Hon'ble Ministry of Finance to reject the Final Findings and not impose any anti-dumping measures in respect of the subject telecom transmission equipment

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L. On 7th December 2010, AUSPI submitted its response to TRAI Consultation Paper No.13/2010 on Quality of Service requirements for delivery of basic financial services using mobile phone.

M. On 6th December 2010, AUSPI submitted Counter Comments to TRAI on some of the views of the stakeholders with reference to TRAI Consultation Paper on Certain Issues Relating to Telecom Tariffs”.

N. On 2nd December 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Secretary (T), DOT and Sr. DDG (TEC) regarding Consumer Education on Radio Waves. A document called “Radio Wave and safety in our Daily Life” issued by Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications in Japan for Consumer awareness was submitted along with this letter.

AUSPI requested that the Government should formalize a similar document to educate the customers.

O. On 2nd December 2010, AUSPI submitted details of the audit and security certification agencies in connection with security clearance of telecom equipment / software as desired by DOT letter No. 10-15/ 2009/ AS.III/ (Vol.II)/ (Pt.) (58) 1010 dated 16th September, 2010.

P. On 1st December 2010, AUSPI submitted its counter comments to TRAI on Draft Amendment to the Intelligent Network Services in Multi Operator Multi Service Scenario Regulations, 2006 (13 of 2006).

VI. JOINT INDUSTRY LETTER

A. On 18th November 2010, a Joint Industry letter was submitted to DOT regarding Amendment to the TRAI Regulation on MNP

B. On 15th November 2010, a Joint Industry letter was submitted to DoT on Compliance regarding EMF radiation from BTSs as per DoT directives of self certification.

C. On 4th December 2010, a Joint Industry letter was submitted to DDG (TERM), DOT regarding Issues Related to Capacity of LI Systems.

VII. ACT LETTERS

A. On 29th December 2010, ACT submitted a letter to Secretary (T), requesting time till 31st March 2011 to complete the exercise of balance re-verification and scanning and uploading the complete re-verified forms on the website.

B. On 29th December 2010, ACT submitted a letter to Secretary (T), requesting Extension of Prepaid mobile services in J&K, Assam and North East Service Areas.

VIII. MEETINGS

A. AUSPI MEETING

i. On 21st December 2010, AUSPI members had a meeting with KPMG

ii. On 20th December 2010, an AUSPI & its members had a meeting with World Bank Delegations in World Bank office, Shanti Path.

iii. On 16th December 2010, AUSPI along with EC Members met Hon'ble Minister of Communications & IT.

iv. On 16th December 2010, an AUSPI meeting was held to discuss Commercial communication Customer Preference Regulation & to frame issues to be discussed with MOC&IT.

v. On 15th December 2010, AUSPI gave presentation on Union Budget Proposals to Ministry of Finance.

vi. On 7th December 2010, AUSPI meeting was held to discuss about setting of Telecom Security Council of India.

vii. On 15th December 2010, an AUSPI meeting was held to discuss Pre-Budget Proposal Presentation to be submitted to MOF.

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B. JOINT INDUSTRY MEETING / ACT MEETING

- I) Joint Industry Workshop cum Media Briefing On "Radiation from Mobile Towers" - Myth Vs Reality was held on 21st December 2010 at Delhi.
- II) Joint Industry meeting to discuss issues related to MNP Implementation was held on 8th December 2010.
- III) Joint Industry meeting to review status of MNP Implementation was held on 3rd November 2010.
- IV) Joint Industry meeting to review status of MNP Implementation was held on 1st November 2010.

C. OTHER IMPORT EVENTS

- I) Seminar on National Vocational Education Qualification Framework pertaining to IT, ITes and Telecom with Hon'ble MOCIT was held on 23rd December 2010.
- II) India Telecom Golf Tournament was held on 11th December 2010.
- III) India Telecom 2010 Exhibition was held from 9-11th December 2010 in Pragati Maidan.
- IV) TEPC Buyer Seller Meet was held on 8th December 2010 in Hotel Imperial.
- V) India's First LTE TDD Mobility Demonstration by Qualcomm & Ericsson was held on 2nd December 2010 at Hotel Leela Kempinski.

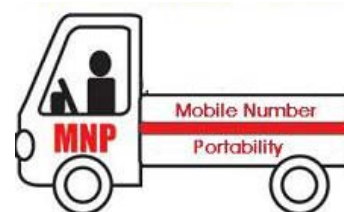
IX. UPCOMING EVENTS

- I) **24th January 2011:** Mobile Governance Meeting organized by DIT.
- II) **24th January 2011:** TEC Meeting on IST Time Zone Synchronization in Telecom Network.
- III) **29th January 2011:** Workshop on "Developing a Framework for the New Telecom Policy" by IITCOE in IIM Ahmedabad.

- IV) **1st February 2011:** First Steering Committee Meeting on "India Telecom 2011" in Sanchar Bhawan.
- V) **21st February 2011:** Starting the Budget session of Parliament.
- VI) **28th February 2011:** Presenting General Budget to Lok Sabha.

 PAN INDIA MOBILE NUMBER PORTABILITY LAUNCH

PAN India Mobile Number Portability Services was launched on 20th January 2011 by Dr. Manmohan Singh, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India.



Shri. Kapin Sibal, Hon'ble Minister of Communications & IT and Shri. Sachin Pilot, Hon'ble Minister of State for Communications & IT were distinguished guests

The Launch was organized jointly by DOT, AUSPI & COAI.

X. TELECOM BYTES

 US DEVISES NOVEL PLAN FOR SPECTRUM AUCTION

Julius Genachowski, Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), is looking for broadcasters such as CBS Corp to voluntarily give up air waves they don't need in exchange for a portion of revenue from selling the spectrum.

The commerce department in November identified 115 MHz of Spectrum that could be reallocated to wireless broadband, and the FCC hopes to repurpose 120 MHz of Spectrum from television stations through voluntary incentive auctions.

Source: Media

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✂️ UK MOVE ON SPECTRUM AUCTION

Britain plans to auction more radio spectrum in 2012 to mobile operators who need it to handle increasing data transfer. .

Source: Media

✂️ NATIONAL PAYMENTS CORPORATION OF INDIA (NPCI)

Reserve Bank of India had set up the National Payment Corporation of India (NPCI) as an umbrella institution to devise an affordable payment mechanism and help in the financial inclusion process.

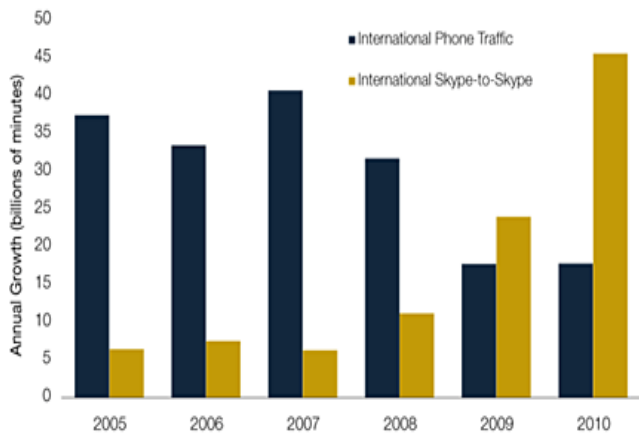
Source: Financial Express

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✂️ ILD SLUMPS, SKYPE SOARS

International Phone Traffic grew an estimated 4% in 2010, to 413 billion minutes, down from 5% growth in 2009, and a far cry from the 15% average growth rate achieved during previous two decades. .

Net Increase in ILD and Skype Traffic, 2005-2010



Source: TeleGeography

✂️ Near Field communication (NFC) can beam & relieve communication from 4 inches away service to let users buy milk and bread by tapping or waving their mobile phones against a register at check point.

Source: Media

✂️ India is largest mobile ad market in Asia Pacific

India has become the largest mobile advertising market in the Asia Pacific region with 5.8 billion impressions monthly. In just 90 days, the Indian market grew by over 22 per cent with one billion impressions to become the largest market in the Asia Pacific region



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