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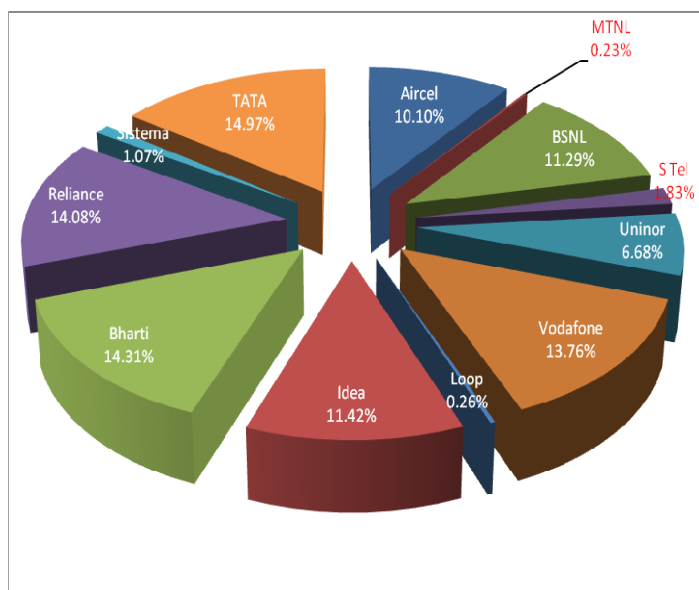
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I. [SUBSCRIBER FIGURES – JANUARY 2010](#)

- ❖ Total Telephone Subscriber Base reaches 581.81 Million
- ❖ Wireless Subscription reaches 545.05 Million
- ❖ 19.90 Million Wireless Subscriber added
- ❖ Broadband subscriber number reaches 8.03 million mark
- ❖ Tele-density reaches 49.50% mark

II. [WIRELESS SERVICE PROVIDERS NET ADDITIONS –JANUARY 2010](#)



(source TRAI)

III. [TRAI OHD](#)

- A. TRAI open house discussion regarding amendment required in the telecom consumers protection and redressal of grievances regulation 2007 and Direction dated 29.8.06 was held on 25th February 2010 at Kautilya Hall, Hotel Samrat, Kautilya Marg, Chanakyapuri.

IV. [TRAI MEETING](#)

- A. TRAI Meeting to discuss Noida Mobile Tower Sealing issues was held on 9th February 2010 under the Chairmanship of Dr. J S Sarma, Chairman TRAI at Conference Room, TRAI.

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- B. TRAI Meeting with regard to Toll Free Customer Care Services was held on 2nd February 2010 under the Chairmanship of Dr. J S Sarma, Chairman TRAI at Conference Room, TRAI.

V. TRAI DIRECTION

- A. On 26th February 2010, TRAI issued a direction to ensure compliance of the terms and conditions of the license regarding confidentiality of information of subscribers and privacy of communications. TRAI Directs the Service Providers to :-

- i. *to ensure confidentiality of information as provided in the license conditions*
- ii. *to put in place an appropriate mechanisms so as to prevent breach of confidentiality of information of the subscribers and privacy of communication*
- iii. *to furnish to the Authority, within fifteen days of issuance of this Direction, the details of steps taken by the service provider to safeguard the confidentiality of information of subscribers and privacy of communications*

to view the direction please click here

<http://www.trai.gov.in/WriteReadData/trai/upload/Directives/140/Direction26feb10.pdf>

- B. On 10th February 2010, TRAI issued a direction with a list of Unique Porting codes (UPC) for service providers and service areas with regard to MNP.

- i. *UPC consist of 8 characters with first two denoting service provider code and service area code respectively and remaining 6 characters to contain 1 to 9, A-N & P-Z only.*
- ii. *Small letters and alphabet 'O' shall not be allowed*
- iii. *Porting code allocated shall be valid for fifteen days from the date of request or number is ported out (whichever is earlier).*
- iv. *SMS code for requesting Unique Porting Code shall be 'PORT' followed by <space> followed by ten digit mobile number*

to view the direction please click here

<http://www.trai.gov.in/WriteReadData/trai/upload/Directives/139/Direction10feb10.pdf>

- C. On 8th February 2010, TRAI issued a direction regarding publication of certain details by service providers with respect to QoS benchmark specified in regulation 3, 4, 5 & 6 in the prescribed format.

to view the direction please click here

<http://www.trai.gov.in/WriteReadData/trai/upload/Directives/138/Directiveon8feb10.pdf>

VI. TRAI CIRCULAR / LETTERS / NOTICE

- A. On 19th February 2010, TRAI placed on its website a proposal received by the Authority on "Allocations of Spectrum for Technologies such as DECT, to meet the Residential and Enterprise Intra-Telecommunication Requirements".

TRAI had requested Stakeholders comments on this by 30th April 2010.

- B. On 10th February 2010, TRAI has placed a notice on its website seeking comments from Stake Holders for the pre-consultation of all aspects of 4G which could be relevant to policy making or regulation.

TRAI had requested Stakeholders comments on this by 15th March 2010.

- C. On 5th February 2010, TRAI issued a notice inviting Stakeholders comments on Pre-Consultation paper on Telecom Towers and Related Issues.

VII. DOT LETTERS

- A. WPC vide Memo No. No. P-11014/18/2008-PP dated 25th February 2010 intimated about revised Spectrum Charges for CDMA & GSM access networks effective from 1st April 2010.

- B. DOT vide Circular No. 800-50/2009/VAS dated 16th February 2010 circulated the Record Note of Discussion of the meeting held on 10th February 2010 at DOT regarding implementation of Mobile Number Portability.

- C. USOF Administration vide letter no. 30-140/2008-USOF (Vol VIII) dated 15th February 2010 intimated AUSPI Denying Extension of

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Period installation of RDELs from March 2010 to March 2012.

This was in response to AUSPI's letter addressed to Administrator USOF seeking extension of RDEL scheme.

- D. On 12th February 2010, WPC placed on its website the Summary Record of the second meeting of NPC for WRC-2012 held on 8th January 2010 at Teletorium, TEC.
- E. DoT vide letter no. 5-52/P&M/DoT/2009-2010 dated 22nd January 2010 requested Telecom service providers to provide segregated data in respect of GSM & CDMA Subscribers.

VIII. DOT MEETINGS

- A. A Meeting to review implementation of Mobile Number Portability was held on 16th February 2010 under the chairmanship of Sr. DDG, TEC at TEC Committee Room.
- B. Meeting to review implementation of Mobile Number Portability was held on 10th February 2010 under the chairmanship of Secretary (T), DOT at Sanchar Bhawan, New Delhi.
- C. Meeting of the NPC Working Group 2 for WRC 12 was held on 5th February 2010 under Chairmanship of JCES at their Conference Hall, Church Road, New Delhi.

IX. 3G AUCTION SCHEDULE

DETAILS	DATE
Notice inviting applications	25 th February, 2010
Last date of submission of application	19 th March, 2010
Publication of ownership details of applicants	26 th March, 2010
Pre-qualification of bidders	30 th March, 2010
Mock auctions	5 th and 6 th April, 2010
Start of 3G auctions	9 th April, 2010
Start of BWA auctions	Two days after the close of 3G auctions

X. AUSPI LETTERS

- A. On 26th February 2010, AUSPI submitted its response on TRAI Consultation Paper on Efficient utilization of Numbering to TRAI.
- B. On 26th February 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Secretary (T), DoT requesting for EVDO spectrum in 800 MHz and 1900 MHz band to be included for auction by revising the present NIA.
- C. On 19th February 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Administrator, USOF requesting:-
 - i. *The existing scheme of RDEL may kindly be continued for another two years.*
 - ii. *The existing scheme may be slightly modified to support R DEL data related CAPEX and OPEX requirements for enabling internet access through wireless data connections in these areas.*
- D. On 18th February 2010, AUSPI submitted its comments to Secretary (T), DoT regarding an incumbent GSM Service Provider's contention on Spectrum holding and usage Charges for CDMA.
- E. On 15th February 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Hon'ble Minister of Communications and IT requesting his intervention for doing away of rollout obligation for J&K, Assam & North East.
- F. On 9th February 2010 AUSPI wrote a letter to Editor, The Financial Express with regard to an article published in their News Paper which caused misleading impression against the CDMA operators about spectrum holdings and charges.

AUSPI clarified each and every point mentioned in the Article and requested the Editor to Publish this letter in the News Paper so that the readers have the benefit of correct and complete information on the subject.

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- G. On 8th February 2010 AUSPI submitted a letter to Secretary (T), DoT seeking clarification on certain issues with regard to Amendments to the license in respect to Security related concerns for expansion of Telecom Services in various zones of the country.
- H. On 5th February 2010 AUSPI submitted a letter to Secretary (T), DoT, requesting not to change the Basic Service Number Levels of our Member Service Providers, which will disturb their basic service operations and suggested that instead of doing so DoT should go for a permanent numbering solution.
- I. On 4th February 2010 AUSPI submitted a letter to Dr. Sam Pitroda, Advisor to Hon'ble Prime Minister requesting to Consider use of UHF Band V (698 MHz – 806 MHz) for deployment of 4G technologies like WiMAX & LTE and 582 MHz – 698 MHz for Mobile TV.
- J. On 3rd February 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Secretary (T), DoT, with reference to DoT Committee on Mobile Banking requesting that:-
- i. *Mobile companies should be allowed to become business correspondents (BC) by permitting all Unified Access Service Licensees and CMTS licensees to become Business Correspondents.*
 - i. *Mobile prepaid instrument should be converted from Semiclosed payment system to the Open Payment System.*
- K. A letter similar to 'J' was submitted to Department of Payment and Settlement Systems, Reserve Bank of India.
- L. On 3rd February 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Secretary (T), DoT, requesting for ensuring rollout of MNP is completed in the timeline specified by DOT.
- M. On 2nd February 2010 AUSPI wrote a letter to Editor, The Business Standard with regard to an article published in their News Paper which caused misleading impression against the CDMA operators about spectrum holdings and charges.

AUSPI clarified each and every point mentioned in the Article and requested the Editor to Publish this letter in the News Paper so that the readers have the benefit of correct and complete information on the subject.

- N. On 1st February 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to TRAI requesting the Authority to resolve certain issues like Interconnect Agreement, Cross Connection Charges, Bulk Porting, Dispute Resolution Mechanism etc. for timely implementation of Mobile Number Portability.

XI. ACT LETTERS

- A. On 2nd February 2010, ACT wrote a letter to Jt. Commissioner of Police, Gurgaon after the Industry Meeting held with him on 30th January 2010 regarding Mobile Subscriber verification issue. After the meeting ACT clarified through this letter certain issues raised by Jt. Commissioner on DoT guidelines.

XII. JOINT INDUSTRY LETTERS / PRESS RELEASE

- A. On 26th February 2010, a Joint Industry Letter was submitted to Hon'ble Chief Minister of Delhi expressing concerns of the Industry on the Proposed MCD Policy for Installation of Cellular Towers.
- B. A Joint Industry press release was issued on 1st February 2010 on the issue of Noida Tower Sealing.

XIII. MEETINGS

A. AUSPI MEETING

- i. AUSPI meeting was held on 22nd February 2010 to discuss TRAI Consultation Paper on Efficient Utilization of Numbering Resources.
- ii. AUSPI members met on 8th February 2010 to discuss various issues.

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B. JOINT INDUSTRY MEETING / ACT MEETING

- I) ACT Meeting was held on 24th February 2010 to finalize Common Manual on Pre-paid Verification / Code of Practice.
- II) Joint Industry Meeting was held on 23rd February 2010 to discuss Noida Tower Sealing Issue.
- III) Joint Industry Meeting was held on 1st February 2010 to discuss Noida Tower Sealing Issue

C. OTHER IMPORT EVENTS

- I) 82nd Annual General Meeting of the FICCI was held on 27th February 2010 at FICCI Golden Jubilee Auditorium.
- II) TRAI Seminar on "Future Telecom Scenario & Regulations" was held on 22nd and 23rd February at BSNL Bhawan, New Delhi.
- III) ICRIER Seminar on The Growth Commission's Special Report on Post-Crisis Growth in Developing Countries was held on 11th February 2010.
- IV) TDSAT Seminar on "Dispute Resolution Scenario in Telecom and Broadcasting Sectors was held on 6th February 2010 at Agartala.

XIV. UPCOMING EVENTS

- I) **12th March 2010:** TDSAT Seminar on "Dispute Resolution Scenario in Telecom and Broadcasting Sectors at Hotel Madhuban, Dehradun.
- II) **17th March 2010:** Executive Council meeting of the TCOE at CDoT campus, Mehrauli, New Delhi.
- III) **20th March 2010:** TRAI Regional Workshop on Consumer Advocacy Group at Saraswati Sabhaghar -II, Hotel Paras Mahal, Udaipur.

- IV) **25th March 2010:** ASSOCHAM Telecom Committee Meeting at ASSOCHAM House, 47 Prithviraj Road, New Delhi.
- V) **7th & 8th April 2010:** TRAI National Forum on Mobile Applications for Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Development.
- VI) **9th April 2010:** 3G Auction.

XV. BUDGET IMPACT

ON TAX PAYERS (Exclude 3% cess)		
Net Taxable income	slab	
	Old	New
Upto Rs. 1.6 lakh	0%	0%
Rs. 1.6 – 3 lakh	10%	10%
Rs. 3-5 lakh	20%	10%
Rs. 5-8 lakh	30%	20%
>8 lakh	30%	30%
Exemption limit for women and senior citizens will remain at Rs. 1.9 lakh and Rs.2.4 lakh respectively.		

Telecom Sector
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MAT extended to 18% from 15% for telecom service providers. • Extended exemption of special additional duty to mobile phone not imported in the prepackaged form. • Exemption from basic countervailing duty and special additional duty on components and accessories of mobile handset has been extended to include battery chargers and head phone.

New Development in Information Technology Project

Government has decided to look into (through UID Authority) the technological and systemic issues relating to Information Technology projects to develop initiatives to better tax administration and financial governance.

Source: Times of India

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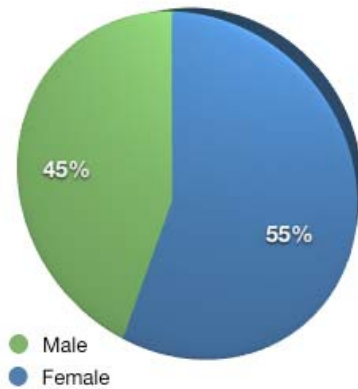
XVI. TELECOM BYTES



Women & Mobile

In a demographic view of social networking activity on mobile devices, women were found do use their phones to "tweet" and "friend" 10% more than men.

Mobile Social Network Usage by Gender



Source: The Nielsen Company
December 2009



WOMEN'S RESERVATION BILL

Women's Reservation Bill, ensuring 33% reservation to women in Parliament and state legislative bodies, was passed in the Rajya Sabha on Tuesday, 9th March 2010.

Source: Times of India



Above Average

How many days of an average Indian's earnings would some items of expenditure amount to?

Item	No. of days of earnings
Mobile	1 month 12 days
Laptop	7 months 10 days
22" LCD TV	3 months 14 days

Source: Times of India



The French Telecom Regulator announced 3G network (IMTs) sharing agreement amongst Mobile Operators in France.

Source: TeleGeograpy

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