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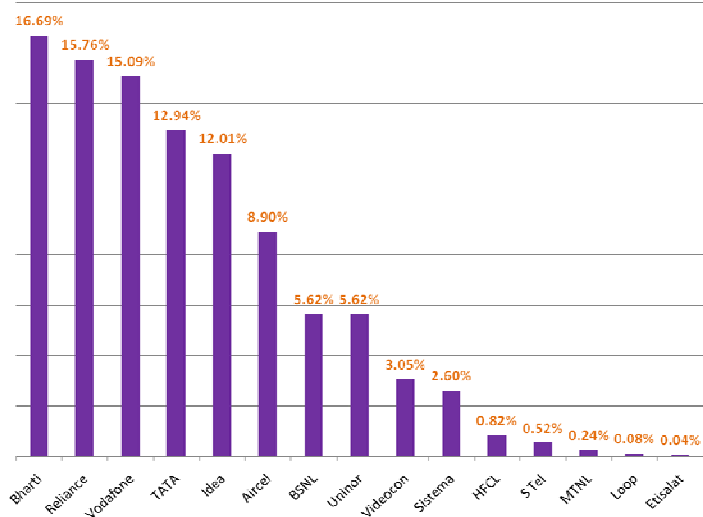
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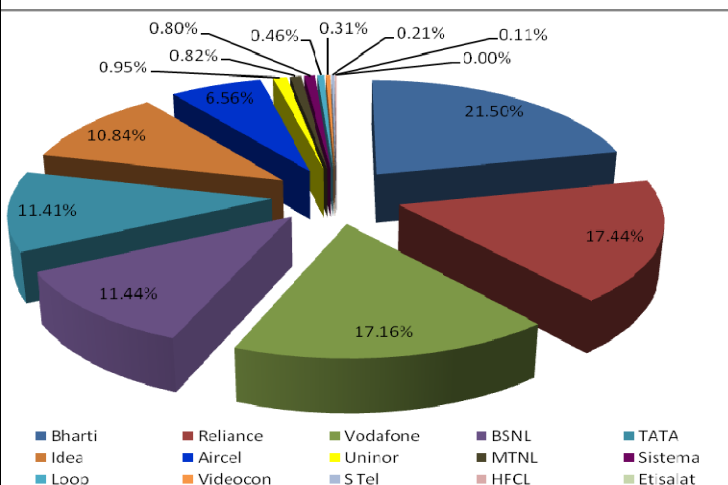
I. SUBSCRIBER FIGURES – JUNE 2010

- ❖ Total Telephone Subscriber Base reaches 671.69 Million
- ❖ Wireless Subscription reaches 635.51 Million
- ❖ 17.98 Million Wireless Subscriber added
- ❖ Broadband subscriber number reaches 9.45 million mark
- ❖ Tele-density reaches 56.83% mark

A. WIRELESS SERVICE PROVIDER'S NET ADDITIONS - JUNE 2010



B. WIRELESS SERVICE PROVIDER'S MARKET SHARE - JUNE 2010



(source TRAI)

II. TELECOM INDUSTRY SNAPSHOT (QE MAR-10)



Telecom Subscribers

- Total Subscribers: 621.28 Million
- Urban Subscribers: 420.47 Million
- Rural Subscribers: 200.81 Million
- Tele Density: 52.74%
- Urban Teledensity: 119.73%
- Rural Teledensity: 24.29%



Wireless Subscribers

- Total Wireless Subs: 584.32 Million.
- Urban Subscribers: 393.45 Million
- Rural Subscribers: 190.88 Million
- Tele Density: 49.60%
- Urban Teledensity: 112.03%
- Rural Teledensity: 23.08%



Internet & Broadband Subscribers

- Total Internet Subscribers: 16.18 Million
- Broadband Subscribers: 8.77 Million

(source TRAI)

III. TRAI CIRCULAR / LETTERS / NOTICE

- A. TRAI vide letter no. 323-3/2010-CA dated 26th July 2010 informed the Association about a workshop organized by TRAI on Consumer Education for 2010-11 for the southern zone scheduled on 4th August 2010 from 9.15 a.m at Hotel Nahar Heritage, St. Marks Road, Bangalore.
- B. TRAI vide letter no. 116-7/2009-MN dated 16th July 2010 reminded Industry Associations to submit their views on issues related to NDNC services post implementation of MNP.

IV. DOT LETTERS

- A. On 28th July 2010 DoT issued an Amendment to UASL bearing No.10-15/2009-AS.III/Vol.II/(Pt.)/(25) along with template of the agreement between telecom service provider and the vendors for Security Clearance for import of telecom equipment / software.

- B. In response to AUSPI's suggestion of 26th April 2010 to DOT to create additional column for the complained services for wireless, wireline, wireless internet or wireline internet for online handling of grievance redressal mechanism, PG Cell of DOT replied that they have forwarded our suggestions to NIC for consideration.
- C. DoT vide OM no. 6/29/2009-Policy I dated 22nd July 2010 intimated the Association about constitution of Committee for Laying standards for the M-pin based Mobile Banking POS Device' under the chairmanship of Sr. DDG, TEC. Representatives of the Associations in addition to representatives of UDI, RBI, TRAI, DIT are also Members.
- D. DOT wide letter no. 800-14/2010-VAS-III Vol. II dated 20th July 2010 intimated about extending security safeguards applicable to J&K Service Area to Assam and North East Telecom Circle Area on experimental basis for a period of six months.
- E. DOT vide circular No. 2-1/2007-S (Vol III) dated 19th July 2010 circulated the Minutes of meeting held on 12th July 2010 at DOT on possible solutions for interception & Monitoring of encrypted communications by Security Agencies, chaired by Shri. Ram Narain, DDG (Security).
- F. DOT vide circular No. 17-4/2010-S1 dated 15th July 2010 circulated the Record Notes of discussion of MNP Implementation review meeting held on 9th July 2010 at DOT under the Chairmanship of Member (T).
- G. DOT in response to ACT letter dated 27th March 2010 regarding Multiple Connections in J &K clarified through their letter no. 1-34/2010/S1(Pt.) dated 14th July 2010 that;
 - a. *instructions issued by TERM Cell J&K is in line with DOT's instructions.*
 - b. *connections issued by Service Providers in violation of the DOT instructions will be treated as violation of license conditions.*



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- H. DOT vide circular No. 3-1/2010-S1 dated 9 /12th July 2010 circulated the Record Notes of discussion of the 2nd meeting of the Strategic Committee on Network and Security Policy held on 7th July 2010 at DOT under the Chairmanship of Member (T).
- I. DOT issued a press release on 30th June 2010 extending the timeframe for implementing Mobile Number Portability to 31st October 2010

V. DOT MEETINGS

- A. DOT Core Committee Meeting to discuss Strategic Plan for Department of Telecommunications for next Five Years on 'Telecom and Broadband Policy' was held on 30th July 2010 under the Chairmanship of Secretary (T), DOT at Sanchar Bhawan
- B. DOT Core Committee Meeting to discuss Strategic Plan for Department of Telecommunications for next Five Years on 'Convergence of Telecom, IT & Broadcasting' was held on 30th July 2010 under the Chairmanship of Secretary (T), DOT at Sanchar Bhawan
- C. DOT Meeting with Associates & Service Providers to discuss the issues regarding UID number as proof of KYC for telcos was held on 22nd July 2010 under the Chairmanship of DDG (AS), DOT at Sanchar Bhawan.
- D. Meeting of National Preparatory Committee for WRC-12 was held on 15th July 2010 under the Chairmanship of Jt. Wireless Advisor at Sanchar Bhawan.
- E. Hon'ble Minister of Communications & IT convened a meeting with NLD, ILD, ISP, IP-I Licensees on 14th July 2010 at Sanchar Bhawan.
- F. DOT Meeting on the 'issues relating to possible solution of Encrypted Communications' was held on 12th July 2010 under the Chairmanship of DDG (CS) at Sanchar Bhawan.

- G. Implementation of Mobile Number Portability progress reviews Meeting was held on 9th July 2010 under the Chairmanship of Member (T) DOT at Sanchar Bhawan.
- H. First Meeting of National Working Group on ITU Study Group 17 was held on 17th June 2010 at TEC.
- I. DOT Core Committee Meeting to discuss Strategic Plan for Department of Telecommunications for next Five Years on 'Security and Network Policy' was held on 7th July 2010 under the Chairmanship of Member (T), DOT at Sanchar Bhawan.
- J. Hon'ble Minister of Communications & IT convened a meeting with Chairman / CEO / MD of Telecom Service Providers to discuss recent issues in telecom sectors on 7th July 2010 at Sanchar Bhawan.
- K. DOT meeting to discuss issues relating to security concerns on Import of Telecom Equipment was held on 3rd July 2010 under the Chairmanship of DDG (AS) at Sanchar Bhawan.
- L. DOT Meeting to discuss the provision of Wireless Broadband Connectivity to rural areas- Implementation of the USOF's Rural Wireless Broadband Scheme was held on 2nd July 2010 under the Chairmanship of Administrator (USOF),

VI. AUSPI LETTERS

- A. On 28th July 2010 AUSPI submitted a letter to Secretary (T), DOT with reference to DOT's guideline of 20th July 2010 extending security safeguards applicable to J&K Service Area to Assam and North East Telecom Circle Area on experimental basis for a period of six months.

AUSPI requested DOT to:

- a. *Allow minimum 3 months time for implementation of new acquisition process in DOT's letter of 20th July, 2010.*

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- b. Clarify that re-verification process of prepaid subscribers will be as per the DoT guideline No. 1-3/2006-VI (Pt I) dated 30/9/2009.
- c. 6 months time to complete the activity of re-verification.
- B. On 27th July 2010, AUSPI submitted its Counter comments on stakeholders' response to TRAI Consultation Paper on 'National Broadband Plan'.
- C. On 26th July 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Member (T), DOT regarding its recent guideline on Security safeguards for Assam & North East Service areas requesting as follows:-
- a. Clarifications before the service providers start implementing security safeguards for North East and Assam service areas.
- b. two weeks time to implement security safeguards after clarifications of above mentioned issues.
- D. On 26th July 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Vice Chairman, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) regarding Frequency spots for Public Protection and Disaster Relief. AUSPI requested NDMA to examine and pinpoint the requirement of PPDR amongst the various frequency bands listed in the NFAP of the WPC (DOT) so that other bands could be utilized commercially for mobile services without interference.
- E. On 22nd July 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra regarding Show Cause/Demand Notices issued by Municipal Corporations in Maharashtra making exorbitant demands based on circulars/notifications/ orders with respect to mobile towers in Maharashtra.
- AUSPI requested Hon'ble CM amongst other issues, the following:
- a. All orders for imposition of penalties for regularization of towers in Maharashtra may be withdrawn;
- b. All applications for setting up of towers may be examined in a time bound manner and approvals/permissions be granted within pre-specified timeline.
- c. All sealing orders for towers should be immediately withdrawn.
- d. Instructions to local bodies be given to hold a special effort for a one time camp/drive to clear all the current pending approvals to clear the backlog.
- e. immediate direction / instructions may be given to the Municipal Corporations/Councils to immediately stop sealing/demolishing the said Towers and to de-seal / restore the Towers which have already been sealed/ demolished arbitrarily.
- F. On 21st July 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Secretary (T), DOT requesting to grant permission to our Member Service Providers for Placement of Purchase Order on the basis of undertaking on urgent basis.
- G. On 21st July 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Secretary (T), DOT requesting that Charges for different slots in 7GHz band for backbone should be levied for only one spot of 28MHz (@ 0.15%) in one service area irrespective of the number of slots allocated.
- H. On 20th July 2010, AUSPI submitted its response to TRAI Consultation Paper on National Broadband Plan.
- I. On 15th July 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Chairman, TRAI requesting for a consultation process for reviewing the port charges at an early date.
- J. On 15th July 2010, AUSPI submitted its Views / Comments for TRAI's Pre Consultation on Green Telecom



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K. On 13th July 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Hon'ble Minister of Communications & IT inviting his attention towards PTI article dated 8th July 2010 captioned as 'TRAI report lopsided; no one-time charge for spectrum: Mittal.

AUSPI in its letter stated that ever since the TRAI recommendations on 'Spectrum Management and Licensing Framework' have been issued, the incumbent private GSM operators have launched an offensive attack on the regulator calling the recommendations as retrograde, regressive and lopsided. The onslaught of these operators on TRAI recommendations is primarily due to its recommendations on the pricing of excess 2G spectrum based on market determined price i.e 3G auction price etc.

AUSPI requested Hon'ble MOC&IT that:

- a. *Incumbent GSM Operators who are holding excess spectrum should be asked to pay for it at least as per the recommendations of TRAI. They may be asked to surrender the excess spectrum in case they do not want to pay for the excess spectrum, so that the initial start up spectrum can be given to one of our members.*
- b. *Spectrum charges are payable at the time of renewal of licenses and operators are free to surrender the license in case they do not want to pay for the spectrum.*

L. On 13th July 2010, AUSPI submitted its Suggestions to DOT on 'Strategic Plan & Policy for DOT for next 5 years.

M. On 9th July 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Secretary (T), DOT regarding Spectrum Harmonization for CDMA 450 MHz. AUSPI requested DOT's support to get the 450 MHz band vacated and make it available as the growth path for the CDMA operators.

N. On 9th July 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to the Secretary (Home), MHA regarding Security clearance for Import/placement of purchase order for Procurement of Telecom Equipment/software.

O. On 7th July 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Secretary (T), DOT requesting to issue List of Core equipment and clearance for import of equipment allowed on the basis of undertaking given by Service Providers.

P. On 7th July 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to CMD, BSNL requesting for implementation of TDSAT Judgement on Port Charges Matter.

Q. On 7th July 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Secretary (T), DOT regarding a News Paper article about DoT's internal committee recommendations under Chairmanship of Advisor (T) to set up a fund to encourage and bankroll local manufacturing and research into telecom equipment.

AUSPI submitted that:

- a. *Universal Service Obligation Fund cannot be used for creating another fund to encourage and bankroll local manufacturing and research into telecom equipment;*
- b. *License Fee is attributable only to the Universal Service Fund and not to the fund for promoting manufacturing.*
- c. *Existing sources of funding for R&D should be exploited rather than undertake this under the ambit of the USOF.*

R. On 2nd July 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Secretary (T), DOT regarding progress on DoT Committee for Evaluating TRAI Recommendations on 'an Approach to Rural Telephony – Suggested Measures for an Accelerated Growth'.

AUSPI requested DOT to intimate the status of the adoption of the various recommendations of the above DoT committee for bringing into force the requisite policy measures proposed in this report which will significantly facilitate the provision of modern facilities and extend the benefits to our rural areas.

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VII. JOINT INDUSTRY LETTER

- A. On 2nd July 2010, a Joint Industry letter was submitted to CMD, BSNL requesting for implementation of TDSAT Judgement on Port Charges Matter.

VIII. ACT LETTERS

- A. On 9th July 2010, ACT submitted a letter to Secretary (T), DOT on issues Related to Penalty on Subscriber Verification.

IX. MEETINGS

A. AUSPI MEETING

- i. AUSPI Appointment Committee Meeting was held on 27th July 2010 at AUSPI.
- ii. AUSPI Meeting to discuss TRAI Consultation Paper on National Broadband Plan was held 16th July 2010 at AUSPI.
- iii. AUSPI meeting to finalize points for discussion in MOC&IT Meeting was held on 7th July 2010 at AUSPI.
- iv. AUSPI meeting prior to meeting with DDG (AS) was held on 3rd July 2010 at AUSPI.
- v. AUSPI meeting to discuss Strategy for MHA meeting and USOF Meeting was held on 9th June 2010 at AUSPI.
- vi. Meeting with Union Home Secretary, regarding security clearance of equipment / software was held on 1st July 2010 at MHA Office.

B. JOINT INDUSTRY MEETING / ACT MEETING

- I) Joint Industry meeting to review status of MNP Implementation was held on 29th July 2010.
- II) Infrastructure Committee Meeting was held on 26th July 2010.
- III) Joint Industry meeting to review status of MNP Implementation was held on 21st July 2010
- IV) Joint Industry meeting to review status of MNP Implementation was held on 14th July 2010

- V) Joint Industry Meeting to discuss MCD Tower Matter was held on 8th July 2010.

- VI) Joint Industry meeting to review status of MNP Implementation was held on 7th July 2010

C. OTHER IMPORT EVENTS

- I) Qualcomm Partner Summit 2010 was held on 28th July 2010 at Hotel Oberoi, New Delhi.
- II) First Meeting of CII National Committee on Telecom & Broadband 2010-11 was held on 28th July 2010 at India Habitat Centre.
- III) Second Meeting of FICCI Subcommittee on Strategic Planning & Policy was held on 26th July 2010 at Federation House, FICCI.
- IV) ASSOCHAM Telecom Summit was held on 23rd & 24th July 2010 at Hotel Shangri-La.
- V) Third Meeting of FICCI Subcommittee on Security Related Issues was held on 22nd July 2010 at Federation House, FICCI at Federation House, FICCI .
- VI) Release Function of "National IPv6 Deployment Roadmap" was on 20th July 2010 at Electronics Niketan.
- VII) TDSAT Seminar on Dispute Resolution in Telecom & Broadcasting Sectors was held on 17th July 2010.
- VIII) ASSOCHAM Communications Committee Meeting was held on 15th July 2010 at ASSOCHAM House.
- IX) 8th VAS Asia 2010 was held on 9th July 2010 at Hotel Le-Meridien.

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X. UPCOMING EVENTS

- I) **18th September 2010:** TDSAT Seminar on Dispute Resolution in Telecom & Broadcasting Sectors at Puduchery.
- II) **27th August 2010:** Voice & Data Forum on 3G at Hotel Le-Meridien.
- III) **25th August 2010:** Intel Forum on "Catalyzing the Indian Internet Economy" at Hotel Taj Palace.
- IV) **20th August 2010:** 3G India Forum 2010 by Network 18 at Hotel Oberoi.
- V) **20th August 2010:** WiMax 2010 at Hotel Le-Meridien.

XI. TELECOM BYTES

✍ NUMBER TO NOTE

As per Ericsson – Number of Mobile Subscribers across the world is 5 Billion with 500 Million 3G Connections.

Source: Business Standard

✍ GERM ATTACK

- *Mobile Phone Carries 18 times more germs than a toilet handle.*
- *The bacteria normally found include e.coli and salmonella among other bacterium*
- *Though found at lower levels they could give you a sever stomach upset*
- *the level of bacteria indicates the personal hygiene of the owner of the phone*

Source: Mail Today

✍ EAVESDROP ON CELL PHONE CALLS

A security expert said he has devised a simple and relatively inexpensive way to snoop on cell phone conversations, claiming that most wireless networks are incapable of guaranteeing calls won't be intercepted. Law enforcement has long had access to expensive cell phone tapping equipment known as IMSI catchers that each cost hundreds of thousands of dollars. But

Chris Paget, who does technology security consulting work, says he has figures out how to build an IMSI catcher using \$1500 piece of hardware and free, open-source software. Paget will teach other hackers how to make their own IMSI catchers on Saturday during in a presentation at the annual defcon security conference in Las Vegas.

Source: Times of India

✍ SMART PHONES

The biggest US mobile carriers, are planning a venture to displace credit and debit cards with Smartphones. Smartphones have encroached on tasks ranging from Web browsing to street navigation and now may help the phone companies compete with San Francisco-based Visa and MasterCard, the world's biggest payments networks

Source : The Economic Times

✍ GREEN ACCOUNTING

The term 'green accounting hasn't yet been fully defined. However, in order for a business to be able to reduce its carbon footprint, it must first be able to measure it. Then, once the size of the carbon footprint is known, a business must be able to report the data to regulators, taxation officials, carbon credit trading organizations and other relevant parties. Energy – reliant manufacturers and power-generating utilities feel the most pressure to enhance green accounting, but companies in nearly all business sectors can expect to do so at some level within the next few years.

Source : Hidustan Times



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