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I. [SUBSCRIBER FIGURES – MAY 2010](#)

- ❖ Total Telephone Subscriber Base reaches 653.92 Million
- ❖ Wireless Subscription reaches 617.53 Million
- ❖ 16.30 Million Wireless Subscriber added
- ❖ Broadband subscriber number reaches 9.24 million mark
- ❖ Tele-density reaches 55.38% mark

(Source TRAI)

II. [BWA AUCTION – FINAL RESULT](#)

- Days: 16
- Round: 117
- Circle: 22
- Successful Bidders: 6
- Total Bid Amount: Rs. 128477.77 Crores

(Source DOT)

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

- A. TRAI vide letter no. 409-14/2008-I&FN dated 22nd June 2010 reminded the Association to submit Information on Benefits provided to Rural Subscribers in a simplified format.
- B. On 10th June 2010, TRAI issued Consultation Paper on 'National Broadband Plan' & requested Stakeholders' comments by 20th July 2010.
- C. TRAI vide letter no. 305-20/2009-QoS dated 8th June 2010 circulated the Report of the TRAI Committee which was constituted to study the problems of prepaid customers.

IV. [TRAI MEETING](#)

- A. Joint Industry Meeting on issues related to NDNC services Post MNP Implementation was held on 14th June 2010 in TRAI under the chairmanship of Joint Advisor (MN).

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V. DOT LETTERS

- A. DoT vide memo no. 6/5/2010-Policy-I (PT.) (i) intimated the Association about formation of a Committee with Secretary (T) on the chair on 'Telecom & Broadband Policy' as part of the Strategic Plan of DOT for the next 5 years.

Secretary General, AUSPI is the Members of the committee.

- B. DoT vide memo no. 6/5/2010-Policy-I (PT.) (ii) intimated the Association about formation of a Committee with Secretary (T) on the chair on 'Convergence of Telecom, IT & Broadcasting' as part of the Strategic Plan of DOT for the next 5 years.

Secretary General, AUSPI is the Members of the committee

- C. DoT vide letter no. 3-1/2010-SI dated 17th June 2010 circulated the Actionable Points of Meeting of DOT Committee for making the Strategic Plan for DOT for Next Five Years on 'Security and Network Policy'.

DOT has requested Industry Associations to submit their suggestions on the following :

- a. *Physical Security Networks*
- b. *Access Security Networks*
- c. *Network Availability in case of disaster*
- d. *Security Related interface in emerging technologies and converged networks.*

- D. DOT vide circular No. 800-83/2009-VAS dated 24th June 2010 submitted an ADDENDUM as follows, further to record note of discussion regarding National Integrated Directory Inquiry Service (NIDQS);

Para 4: COAI & AUSPI were of the view that they are not in favour of introduction of NIDQS, if inducted should be a neutral third party and the access service provider(s) should not have any stake or equity in the NIDQS licensee company.

Para 8: *AUSPI & COAI stated that NIDQS is not required to be introduced.*

- E. WPC through letter no. J-14025/9(4)/98/NT/2110 dated 3/14th June 2010 requested AUSPI to confirm regarding Surrender of frequency carriers in city and / or service area.

This letter was in continuation to WPC letter dated 15th April 2010, wherein they had mentioned that two months advance notice be given by Service Provider alongwith an undertaking for dismantling of equipment used for the links and payment thereof.

- F. DOT vide circular no. 800-15/2010-VAS dated 8th June 2010 informed the Service Providers that timeline for self certifying the BTS's were extended by 6 months and accordingly the self certification should be submitted to respective TERM Cells by 15.11.2010.

- G. DOT vide letter no. 1-34/2010-S1 dated 4th June 2010 asked ACT to submit suggestions w.r.t. ACT letter of 5th May 2010 regarding different interpretation by TERM Cells.

- H. DOT through letter No.800-20/2010-VAS dated 1st June 2010 issued an order decentralizing powers for imposition of penalty in respect of subscriber verification failure case to respective TERM cell.

- I. DOT D.O. No. 30-2/2008-USOF/Gend. Bgt./Pt. dated 1st June 2010 intimated the Association regarding a pilot project by DOT through Women's Self Help Groups to run mobile handset / modem repair centre etc. DOT expects service providers to participate in this program as part of the corporate social responsibility.

- J. WPC vide letter no. R11014/06/2009-CFA dated 20th May 2010 responded to AUSPI letter on 18th June 2009 regarding SACFA clearance of sites by AAI. WPC forwarded its comments on various issues raised by.



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VI. DOT MEETINGS

- A. Implementation of Mobile Number Portability Meeting was held on 25th June 2010 under the Chairmanship of Member (T) DOT at Sanchar Bhawan.
- B. DOT Core Committee Meeting to discuss Strategic Plan for Department of Telecommunications for next Five Years on 'Licensing Matters' was held on 21st June 2010 under the Chairmanship of DDG (AS), DOT at Sanchar Bhawan
- C. Implementation of Mobile Number Portability Meeting was held on 18th June 2010 under the Chairmanship of Member (T) DOT at Sanchar Bhawan.
- D. First Meeting of National Working Group on ITU Study Group 17 was held on 17th June 2010 at TEC.
- E. DOT meeting to discuss Gender Budget Program (Women Self Help Group) was held on 16th June 2010 under the chairmanship of Member (F) in DOT.
- F. DOT Core Committee Meeting to discuss Strategic Plan for Department of Telecommunications for next Five Years on 'Security and Network Policy' was held on 11th June 2010 under the Chairmanship of Member (T), DOT at Sanchar Bhawan.
- G. DOT Core Committee Meeting to discuss Strategic Plan for Department of Telecommunications for next Five Years on 'Rural Communications' was held on 9th June 2010 under the Chairmanship of Administrator (USOF), DOT at Sanchar Bhawan.
- H. National Integrated Directory Enquiry Services (NIDQS) meeting was held on 9th June 2010 under the chairmanship of Member (T) at Sanchar Bhawan.
- I. DOT Core Group on 'Call Related Information and Internet Related Information' meeting was held on 8th June 2010 under the chairmanship of Joint Director (IB) at Sanchar Bhawan.

- J. Implementation of Mobile Number Portability Meeting was held on 4th June 2010 under the Chairmanship of Member (T) DOT at Sanchar Bhawan.

VII. DOT CORE GROUPS / COMMITTEES

#	Core Groups / Committees	Chaired By
1.	Telecom & Broadband Policy *	Secretary (T), DOT
2.	Convergence of IT, Telecom & Broadcasting Sectors *	Secretary (T), DOT
3.	Licensing Matters *	DDG (AS), DOT
4.	Rural Communications etc. *	Administrator, USOF
5.	Security and Network Policy *	Member (Tech), DOT
6.	Spectrum Management	Wireless Advisor
7.	Research and Development	Sr. DDG, TEC
8.	Revival of PSU	DDG (SU)
9.	Inter ministerial Committee on CRI & IRI *	JD (IB)

* Associations are Members/ Special Invitees of this committee.

VIII. AUSPI LETTERS

- A. On 29th June 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to CMD, BSNL regarding BSNL directive on recovery of Carriage Charges in respect of intra-circle cellular calls handed over by Private Operators at LDCC Tax (s) of BSNL.

AUSPI requested CMD, BSNL for a personal meeting where the issues arising between BSNL and Member service Providers concerning the order of the TDSAT dated 21st May 2010 can be discussed and settled

- B. On 28th June 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to CMD, BSNL on the issue of Port Charges.

AUSPI requested CMD, BSNL for time to discuss the subject and to issue direction to BSNL field offices to withdraw the bills raised by them for the purported revised port charges for the period 29.5.2010 to 31.3.2011 and desist from raising new demands till TRAI

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deliberates and brings out a new regulation on port charges

- C. On 26th June 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Secretary (T), DOT regarding the Second Phase of Shared Mobile Infrastructure Scheme of USOF, requesting that USOF Administrator should not follow the tendering process as it makes the business case unviable and restricts competition as subsidy is only available to few successful bidders and the subsidy should be available to all operators including UASL, CMSPs or IP I for setting up of towers and providing other infrastructure

AUSPI requested for:

- i. *An early public notice the proposed "Second Phase of Shared Mobile Infrastructure Scheme" be given to all eligible companies.*
- ii. *A transparent mechanism for allocation of funds for setting up of towers and provide service at affordable tariff rates be done for all participants for this scheme.*

- D. On 23rd June 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Member (T) regarding issues related to surrender of frequency carriers in city and / or service area.

WPC in its response informed us that two months advanced notice to be given by Service Providers alongwith an undertaking for dismantling of equipments used for the links and payment thereof.

AUSPI requested Member (T) that the requirement should be limited to a certificate from the operator etc. and requested for his intervention on the issue of linkage of payment with surrender of frequency

- E. On 23rd June 2010 AUSPI submitted a letter to Sr. DDG, TEC regarding a slight discrepancy which is existing in the TEC 'Test Schedule for Service Approval of Mobile Services' as followed by TERM Cell vide document No. TERM/STP/SA1, Issue – September 2009 and TRAI QOS regulation 'The Standard of Quality of Service of Basic Telephone Service (Wireline)

and Cellular Mobile Telephone Service Regulations, 2009 (7 of 2009) w.r.t. Good Voice Quality FER value.

AUSPI requested TEC to make necessary correction in the Test Schedule for Service Approval of Mobile Services as prepared by TEC which is followed by TERM Cell.

- F. On 22nd June 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Chairman TRAI w.r.t an article published in a news paper on 18th June 2010 captioned as 'Big Telecom won't attend TRAI's conference Call'.

AUSPI suggested to TRAI that;

- i. *The TRAI should ignore the non submission of response to the consultation exercise on pricing of 2G spectrum by the incumbent GSM operators*
- ii. *The TRAI should give its recommendations to the government. based on the response received by the Authority with in the time frame fixed by the Authority*

- G. On 18th June 2010, AUSPI submitted its response to TRAI Consultation Paper on Unsolicited Commercial Communications Regulations.

- H. On 18th June 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Secretary (T), DOT requesting for permitting Member Service Providers to place purchase order for supply of equipment immediately even before finalization and approval of the template of the agreement between telecom service providers and supplier of equipment, products and services on proactive operator self certification basis.

- I. On 15th June 2010, AUSPI submitted its response to TRAI on the pricing of Spectrum in 900 MHz and 1800 MHz frequency bands with reference to 3G spectrum auction price.

- J. On 9th June 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Hon'ble Minister of Communications & IT as a response to a letter by one incumbent

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operator commenting that the TRAI recommendations are completely opposite to the May 2009 recommendations of the expert committee appointed by the Department of Telecommunications.

AUSPI requested Hon'ble MOCIT that;

- i. *Proposal for allotment of additional spectrum of 1.8 MHz upto the contracted spectrum of 6.2 MHz through auction should be rejected.*
- ii. *DoT should stick to its earlier stand of levying spectrum usages charges separately on revenue streams of GSM and CDMA technologies and should not be guided by such frivolous representations.*

K. On 8th June 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Director General of Audit (P&T) to review the financial information which may be required to be furnished to the Comptroller and Auditor General as per the orders of the Hon'ble Delhi High Court.

L. On 7th June 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Secretary (T) DOT on Spectrum Charges for dual technology operators.

AUSPI requested DOT that it should stick to its earlier stand of levying spectrum usages charges separately on revenue streams of GSM and CDMA technologies and should not be guided by such frivolous representations from some incumbent GSM operators.

M. On 2nd June 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Secretary (T) DOT requesting for the list of core equipment for expansion of telecom services for which security clearance is required.

N. On 1st June 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Wireless Advisor, WPC requesting for Harmonization of 3G frequencies before final allotment of 3G frequency to the various successful operators

IX. JOINT INDUSTRY LETTER

A. On 25th June 2010, AUSPI & COAI submitted to TRAI. Citizen's Charter for Mobile Subscribers.

X. ACT LETTERS

A. On 11th June 2010, ACT submitted a letter to Secretary (T), DOT relating to authorization for imposition of penalty against subscriber verification audit to TERM.

B. On 7th June 2010, ACT submitted a letter to Member (T) on the issue of Varying Interpretation of Documents requirement by TERM Cells.

XI. MEETINGS

A. AUSPI MEETING

i. AUSPI Meeting to discuss various issues was held on 25th June 2010 at AUSPI.

ii. AUSPI Meeting to review MNP implementations status was held on 18th June 2010 at AUSPI.

iii. AUSPI meeting to discuss spectrum pricing related issues was held on 14th June 2010 at AUSPI.

iv. AUSPI meeting to finalize Draft template of Agreement was held on 11th June 2010 at AUSPI.

v. AUSPI meeting to discuss spectrum pricing related issues was held on 9th June 2010 at AUSPI.

B. JOINT INDUSTRY MEETING / ACT MEETING

I) Joint Industry meeting to review status of MNP Implementation was held on 30th June 2010.

II) Joint Industry Meeting of the Advocacy Committee for Commercial Negotiations with IPAN Hill & Knowlton was held on 29th June 2010.

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- III) Joint Industry Meeting of the Advocacy Committee was held on 18th June 2010.
- IV) Infrastructure Committee meeting was held on 10th June 2010.
- V) Joint Industry Meeting of the Advocacy Committee was held on 8th June 2010

C. OTHER IMPORT EVENTS

- I) Second Meeting of the FICCI Sub-Committee on Security Related Issues was held on 24th June 2010 at Federation House, FICCI.
- II) First Meeting of FICCI Subcommittee on Strategic Planning & Policy was held on 7th June 2010 at Federation House, FICCI.
- III) Lecture on WTO Doha Round Table by Dr. Harsha Vardhan Singh, DDG, WTO was held on 3rd June 2010 at Federation House, FICCI .

XII. UPCOMING EVENTS

- I) **17th July 2010:** TDSAT Seminar on Dispute Resolution in Telecom & Broadcasting Sectors at Raipur.
- II) **20th July 2010:** Release Function of "National IPv6 Deployment Roadmap" at Electronics Sadan, New Delhi.
- III) **20th July 2010:** 2nd Meeting of FICCI Subcommittee on Strategy Planning & Policy
- IV) **23rd & 24th July 2010:** ASSOCHAM Telecom Summit at Hotel Shangri-La, New Delhi.
- V) **2nd August 2010:** 4th Governing Council Meeting- TCOE India

XIII. DIRECT TAX CODE

On 16th June 2010, Ministry of Finance revised discussion paper on Direct Tax Code. & placed it on their website for public comments / response by 30th June 2010. The issues which this Revised Discussion Paper addresses are:

- i. *Minimum Alternate Tax (MAT) - Gross assets vis-a-vis book profit.*
- ii. *Tax treatment of savings - Exempt Exempt Tax (EET) vis-a-vis Exempt Exempt Exempt (EEE) basis.*
- iii. *Taxation of income from employment - Retirement benefits and perquisites.*
- iv. *Taxation of income from house property.*
- v. *Taxation of capital gains*
- vi. *Taxation of non-profit organisations*
- vii. *Special Economic Zones – Taxation of existing units*
- viii. *Concept of Residence in the case of a company incorporated outside India.*
- ix. *Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) vis-a-vis domestic law.*
- x. *Wealth Tax.*
- xi. *General Anti Avoidance Rule (GAAR).*

XIV. TELECOM BYTES

✍️ "Spectrum sales of Rs. 106,000 crore must not be viewed as a great success. Rather, they represent a big upfront levy on telecom companies – and through them on telecom users – to finance government over spending."
Swaminathan S. Anklesaria Aiyar

✍️ Global Mobile Phone Market grew bet 10-11% in 4th Quarter 2009 to about 325 million units.

Source : Strategic Analysis IDC

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✍️ China produced 180 million Computers, 620 million Mobile Phone and 99.8 million Colour TVs in 2009.

Source : Media

✍️ Research firm Gartner predicts that worldwide wireless email users will reach 1 billion by 2014 with the year 2010 set to witness an estimated 80 million business wireless e-mail accounts that include large, midsize and small organizations as well as individual professionals totaling about 60 million.

Source : TelecomTiger

✍️ **GLOBAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS REVENUE GROWTH (PERCENT)**



✍️ **The top 10 countries as a group accounted for 46 percent of total international telecommunications revenue in 2008.**



✍️ A public notice was issued by Delhi Pollution Control Committee through newspaper advertisement pertaining to GOI notification for handling, management etc of hazardous waste which including items like computers, printers, mobile handsets, chargers, key boards, monitors etc. Details are available on DPCC website www.cpcb.nic.in

Source : Media



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