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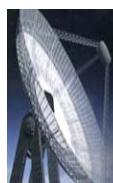
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**BWA AUCTION
COMMENCED
ON 24th MAY 2010
AT 9.30 AM**

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

- ❖ **Total Telephone Subscriber Base reaches 638.05 Million**
- ❖ **Wireless Subscription reaches 601.22 Million**
- ❖ **16.90 Million Wireless Subscriber added**
- ❖ **Broadband subscriber number reaches 9 million mark**
- ❖ **Tele-density reaches 54.10% mark**
(Source TRAI)

II. [3G AUCTION – FINAL RESULT](#)

- **Days: 34**
- **Round: 183**

Circles	3G Auction Results							Winning Price
	RCOM	TTSL	Airtel	Vodafone	Idea	Aircel	Stel	
Delhi	1974-1979		1969-1974	1959-1964				3,316.93
Mumbai	1959-1964		1974-1979	1969-1974				3,247.07
Maharashtra		1959-1964		1974-1979	1969-1974			1,257.82
Gujarat		1959-1964		1969-1974	1974-1979			1,076.06
Andhra Pradesh			1959-1964		1969-1974	1974-1979		1,373.14
Karnataka		1959-1964	1974-1979			1969-1974		1,579.91
Tamil Nadu			1959-1964	1969-1974		1974-1979		1,464.94
Kolkata	1974-1979			1959-1964		1969-1974		544.26
Kerala		1969-1974			1959-1964	1974-1979		312.48
Punjab	1964-1969	1969-1974			1959-1964	1974-1979		322.01
Haryana		1969-1974		1974-1979	1959-1964			222.58
Uttar Pradesh (E)				1974-1979	1969-1974	1959-1964		364.57
Uttar Pradesh (W)		1974-1979	1959-1964		1969-1974			514.04
Rajasthan	1959-1964	1974-1979	1969-1974					321.03
Madhya Pradesh	1969-1974	1974-1979			1959-1964			258.36
West Bengal	1964-1969		1959-1964	1969-1974		1974-1979		123.63
Himachal Pradesh	1974-1979		1959-1964		1969-1974		1964-1969	37.23
Bihar	1969-1974		1964-1969			1974-1979	1959-1964	203.46
Orissa	1974-1979					1969-1974	1959-1964	96.98
Assam	1959-1964		1969-1974			1974-1979		41.48
North East	1974-1979		1969-1974			1959-1964		42.30
Jammu & Kashmir	1969-1974		1974-1979		1959-1964	1964-1969		30.30



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III. TRAI CIRCULAR / LETTERS / NOTICE

- A. TRAI through letter No. 323-4/2010-CA dated 21st May 2010 has requested Service Providers for holding workshop / open house session in each licensed area in a year along with Consumer Advocacy Group and others. The Service Providers have been requested to submit their Action Plan for the year 2010-11.
- B. On 18th May 2010, TRAI issued a letter to DOT on recent recommendations on Spectrum Management and Licensing framework.

The letter suggests that DOT may wait for further recommendations from TRAI for following issues:-

- i. *Price of Spectrum in the 1800 MHz Band*
 - ii. *Refarming of 800/900 MHz Spectrum.*
- C. On 11th May 2010, TRAI came out with its recommendations on Spectrum Management and Licensing Framework.
- D. On 11th May 2010, TRAI has placed on its website a notice seeking views of the Stake Holders on Pre Consultation stage on the issues relating to Telecom Consumer Protection and Redressal of Consumer Grievances.
- E. On 11th May 2010, TRAI has placed on its website a Consultation Paper on Review of Telecom Unsolicited Commercial Communications Regulation for response by Stake Holders.
- F. On 7th May 2010, TRAI has placed on its website a notice seeking views of the Stake Holders on Pre Consultation stage on "Green Telecom".
- G. On 6th May 2010, TRAI has placed on its website a notice seeking views of the Stake Holders on Pre Consultation stage on "Encouraging Telecom Equipment Manufacturing".

IV. TRAI OHD

- A. TRAI OHD on 'Efficient Utilization of Numbering Resources' was held on 14th May 2010 at India Habitat Centre
- B. TRAI OHD on Policy Issues relating to "Uplinking/Downlinking Television Channels in India" was held on 3rd May 2010 at Hotel Samrat.

V. TRAI MEETING

- A. FICCI Interaction Meeting with TRAI and Industry Associations was held on 20th May 2010 at 1100 hrs. in TRAI.
- B. Customer Grievances Redressal Meeting was held on 12th May 2010 at Hotel Claridges.

VI. DOT LETTERS

- A. On 25th May 2010, DOT has placed on its website status of pending applications for grant of ISP license as on 30.04.2010.
- B. DOT vide circular No. 800-16/2010-VAS-II dated 14th May 2010 circulated the Record Note of Discussion with Industry and DOT on Methodology for verification of telephone Subscribers data meeting held on 11th May 2010 at Sanchar Bhawan.
- C. On 26th May 2010, DOT issued a corrigendum regarding definition of 'Grace 1' as appearing in DOT letter dated 29th August 2005 and 20th April 2010.
- D. DOT (circular no. 4-5/2007-S.I. dated 11th May 2010) circulated the Record Note of Discussion of ACT Workshop on Security Issues Related to Mobile Services held on 17th April 2010 at Chennai.
- E. DOT letter F.No. 18-6/2010-ERU dated 5th May 2010 received from Mr. P J Thomas, Secretary (T) on the subject related to Submission of data relating to Rural-urban break up.

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DOT has sought cooperation of Member Service Providers for providing monthly Subscribers data State-wise and break up of Rural –Urban, Wireline-Wireless,Public- Private by 5th of every month.

DoT further has observed that there is delay in providing the required data by TSPs by about a month. It is further emphasized by DoT that rural- urban breakup is to be provided on regular basis within the prescribed period for monitoring the development of telecom Sector

VII. DOT MEETINGS

- A. Implementation of Mobile Number Portability Meeting was held on 21st May 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 18th May 2010 under the Chairmanship of DDG (AS), DOT at Sanchar Bhawan.
- C. First meeting of the NWG-5 : Protection against Electromagnetic Environment Effects was held on 14th May 2010 at TEC.
- D. Implementation of Mobile Number Portability Meeting was held on 13th May 2010 under the Chairmanship of Member (T) DOT at Sanchar Bhawan.
- E. DOT Meeting regarding implementation of EMF Norms was held on 12th May 2010 under the Chairmanship of DDG (Security), DOT at Sanchar Bhawan.
- F. DOT meeting regarding Methodology for verification of telephone subscriber's data based on ACT letter was held on 11th May 2010 under the Chairmanship of DDG (Security -TERM), DOT at Sanchar Bhawan.
- G. Meeting of the core group on CRI & IRI was held on 5th May, 2010 under the Chairmanship of Joint Director (IB) at Sanchar Bhawan.

- H. Implementation of Mobile Number Portability Meeting was held on 6th May 2010 under the Chairmanship of Member (T) DOT at Sanchar Bhawan.

VIII. AUSPI LETTERS

- A. On 31st May 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Chairman TRAI w.r.t. proposed meeting on 5th June 2010 on the issue of Spectrum Pricing with telecom vendors and academicians. AUSPI requested the Authority that all vendors of Telecom Equipment or none be invited and Whoever is invited to give views be requested to disclose whether they have advised or are going to advise any telecom operator/s or give the value of the equipment / services supplied in the last 24 months and / or have contracted to supply equipment / services to the telecom operators in India.
- B. On 26th May 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Chairman TRAI requesting the Authority that all Vendors of telecom equipment be kindly invited to attend the TRAI meeting of 5th June 2010 on the issue of spectrum pricing in 1800 MHz band and its linkage to the 3G Auction price.
- C. On 25th May 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to DDG (Security – TERM) w.r.t. . Instructions on Implementation of Radiation Norms on EMF Exposure by Base Tran-receiver Station.

AUSPI requested that:

i. Our member service provider should be allowed to submit the self certification of old sites on sample basis for different category of BTSs.

ii. Compliance certificate for old BTS to be submitted in phase manner at 10% per month starting from 1st September 2010.

iii. Non-compliance site to be given one month time for rectification.

iv. Penalty for non compliance case to be charged at Rs 10,000-20,000 per BTS in the first 5 years.

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v. *For new sites, permit the service providers a further three months time*

- D. On 25th May 2010 AUSPI submitted a letter to Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs along with the list of internationally reputed agencies that test and certify telecom equipment.
- E. A letter similar to 'D' was also submitted to Secretary (T), DOT.
- F. On 24th May 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Editor, Times of India giving clarifications on the Misleading article published in TOI on 19th May 2010 w.r.t. recent TRAI recommendations on Spectrum Management.
- G. On 19th May 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Director General of Audit (P&T) requesting him to re-consider C&AG office decision to carry out audit of our Member Service Providers for the period 2006-07 & 2007-08 as per DOT letter dated 17.03.2010.
- H. On 19th May 2010 AUSPI submitted a letter to Editor, Business Standard giving clarifications on the Misleading article published in Business Standard on 17th May 2010 w.r.t. recent TRAI recommendations on Spectrum Management.
- I. On 18th May 2010 AUSPI submitted a letter to Secretary (T) DOT, requesting DOT that pending security audit of telecom equipment, the purchases of telecom equipment and software may kindly be cleared irrespective of the country of origin of Vendors.
AUSPI also assured DOT that its member service providers will always fully cooperate with the security agencies and the Government.
- J. On 17th May 2010 AUSPI submitted a letter to Hon'ble Minister of Communications & IT regarding TRAI recommendation on "Spectrum Management and Licensing Framework.

AUSPI requested Hon'ble MOCIT that

- i. *Any attempts of the vested interest of the incumbent operators to scuttle the recommendations should be ignored.*

ii. *The Government should accept the TRAI recommendation (with rationalization measures suggested by our member operators) as they are aimed at restoring the level playing field between the incumbent operator and new operators, will lead to charging of the precious resource of spectrum which was doled out free till date to few players.*

iii. *While drafting the guidelines for Uniform license fee, the DoT should look into the fact that double taxation does not take place for UAS and IP 1 service provider.*

- K. On 16th May 2010, AUSPI submitted its response to the TRAI Consultation Paper on 'Collocation Charges'.
- L. On 10th May 2010 AUSPI submitted a letter to Hon'ble Minister of Communications and IT requesting that the equated annual subsidy for RDEL should be extended for a period of three years i.e. upto 31st March 2013 so as to enable the Universal Service Providers to provide high quality service at affordable rates to the underprivileged section of the society.
- M. On 10th May 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Administrator USOF regarding Affordable Broadband Connectivity.

AUSPI requested that:

- i) *Our member service providers should be fully involved in this ambitious project of Broadband deployment in all Gram Panchyats and be given an opportunity to present their view point regarding affordable broadband connectivity in all villages.*
- ii) *The proposed USO funded subsidy scheme for broadband in rural areas should be on a technology and media neutral platform and should incentivize fast roll out to meet the objective for connecting 2.5 lakh gram panchayats in next two years.*



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iii) *A copy of the report of the Inter Ministerial Committee on Broadband be provided for our study and records.*

N. On 5th May 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting regarding rollout obligation of Mobile TV Licensee requesting to retain the original recommendations from TRAI in the first phase of Mobile TV rollout and also other connected issue.

This was in response to TRAI letter to Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

O. On 5th May 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Secretary (T), DOT regarding Security Clearance of telecom equipment / software.

AUSPI requested:

- i) *To make available at the earliest, list of Core equipment for which undertaking /self certification is to be provided to the industry at the earliest.*
- ii) *To suitably modify the undertaking /self certification by providing consideration of each case on merits and applying an appropriate penalty ONLY WHEN it is established that there is willful negligence on the part of the operator.*
- iii) *To clarify whether security clearance is required for the various components of core equipment like TRX in BTS, Trib cards/SFP modules in transport equipment, line cards (POTS/ADSL) in DLCs.*
- iv) *To make available a password protected website with list of all equipment which have already been given the security clearance and do not require any further clearance for transparency.*
- v) *That the Conditions for Transfer of Technology should be dropped as this has significant negative implications for the growth of telecom.*

vi) *To clarify all subsisting issues w.r.t. security clearance of telecom equipment / software.*

vii) *That the Government to set up telecom testing and security certification centre in India for testing of equipment procured through foreign vendors.*

P. On 5th May 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Commercial Officer (Advertisement), MCD on notice regarding advertisement etc.

AUSPI submitted its views and legal position in this matter to MCD and requested MCD to withdraw the demand notices as they are not covered under the definition of advertisement under Section 142 of the DMC Act.

Q. On 5th May 2010, AUSPI wrote a letter to Chairman, Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Board regarding Change of the electricity tariff from commercial sector to special tariff for Telecom BTS Towers.

IX. ACT LETTERS

A. On 31st May 2010, ACT submitted a letter to DDG (AS) on the issue of Methodology for verification of telephone subscribers' data.

B. On 28th May 2010, ACT submitted a letter to DDG (AS) on the issue of Installation of Jammers at BP Petrol Pumps.

C. On 27th May 2010, ACT submitted a letter to DDG (Security – TERM) on the issue of communications received from TERM Cell – J&K stating that multiple connections in the name of family members are not allowed in J&K as per DoT Guidelines.

ACT requested to kindly advise the TERM Cell – J&K to follow the DoT Guidelines and in case they have any other requirement, the same may be directed through DoT Headquarters only.

D. On 5th May 2010, ACT submitted a letter to Member (T), DOT on various issues related to TERM Cells.

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X. MEETINGS

A. AUSPI MEETING

- i. AUSPI Luncheon meeting with Ambassador Philip L. Verveer, United States Coordinator for International Communications & Information Policy and Chairman Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Mr. Julius Genachowski was held on 29th April 2010 at Hotel Shangri La.
- ii. AUSPI Meeting to discuss agenda points of FICCI Interaction meeting between Industry & TRAI was held on 19th May 2010 at AUSPI.
- iii. AUSPI meeting to discuss various issue was held on 17th May 2010.
- iv. AUSPI meeting with Union Home Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs was held on 18th May 2010 at North Block.
- v. AUSPI committee meeting was held on 13th May 2010 at AUSPI.
- vi. AUSPI Meeting to discuss various issue was held on 8th May 2010 at AUSPI.
- vii. AUSPI meeting with Member (T) DOT was held on 7th May 2010 at AUSPI.

B. JOINT INDUSTRY MEETING / ACT MEETING

- I) Infrastructure Committee meeting was held on 21st May 2010. .
- II) Infrastructure Committee meeting was held on 18th May 2010.
- III) Infrastructure Committee meeting was held on 11th May 2010.

C. OTHER IMPORT EVENTS


- I) FICCI Interactive meeting on The Road to Broadband - Investment & Innovation of Action was held on 28th May 2010 at Federation House, FICCI.

- II) FICCI Sub-Committee Meeting of Security Related Issues was held on 27th May 2010 at Federation House, FICCI.
- III) Meeting of W3C India Office Programme to Chalk out Roadmap on Future Course of Action was held on 21st May 2010 at DIT.
- IV) CMAI Infocom Business World National Telecom Awards was held on 20th May 2010 at Hotel Lalit.
- V) TDSAT Seminar "Dispute Resolution Scenario in Telecom and Broadcasting Sectors" was held on 15th May 2010 at Hotel Peter Hoff, Shimla.
- VI) 36th Annual General Meeting of CII was held on 12th May 2010 at Hotel Le-Meridien.

XI. UPCOMING EVENTS

- I) **24th June 2010:** FICCI: Second Meeting of Sub-Committee on Security Related Issues.
- II) **17th July 2010:** TDSAT Seminar on Dispute Resolution in Telecom & Broadcasting Sectors at Raipur.

XII. TELECOM BYTES

 *ICT Development Index (IDI) is a composite index made up of 11 indicators covering ICT access, use and skills.*

The latest ICT Development Index report of ITU indicates that all member countries have improved their ICT Development Index score.

The top 10 ICT Development Index countries according to the report are Sweden, Luxembourg, Republic of Korea, Denmark, the Netherlands, Iceland, Switzerland, Japan, Norway and the UK.

India moved down from 116 in 2007 to 117 in 2008 with an IDI score of 1.75.

Source : Media

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✂ A US wholesale carrier is building a new network-neutral, high-count dark fibre cable system integrated with collocation facilities and wireless tower sites in US. The completed dark fibre network will span 11,548 route miles ringing the entire US, to be built in six phases, linking subsea cable landing points, major data centres, collocation interconnection facilities, rural networks and wireless towers.

The new 432-count, long haul cable coupled with the 216-count, short-haul cable will be composite of Single-Mode (SMF) and Non-Zero Dispersion Shifted (NZDSF) fibres.

Source TeleGeography.

✂ One in six American phone subscribers have experience "Bill Shock" FCC said.

Source CellularNews.com

✂ A jinxed Bulgarian mobile phone number +359 888 888 888 has been suspended after three users died in the last 10 years. The last owner being gunned down outside an Indian eatery in Sofia, a media report said.

Source Financial Express

✂ One major US Teleco misusing the term 4G itself by marketing its 3G LTE as 4G has decided to get all pedantic and has accused a rival of mis-marketing its HSPA+ offering as 4G.

AT&T, a prime mis-user of '4G', has hit back at T-Mobile and bemoaned the fact that the telco might be misleading customers by claiming 4G when it hadn't got it. AT&T, on the other hand, which is also rolling out HSPA+ as well as LTE, has been careful to distinguish between them in its marketing, it claims.

Source: TelecomTV

✂ AT & T US Said it would no longer offer an unlimited data plan to new users of iPhones and other smartphones. The trouble AT&T says is that a fraction of users – fewer than 2% have made such heavy use of the networks that they have slowed down for everyone else.

Source: TelecomTV



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