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

- ❖ **Total Telephone Subscriber Base reaches 723.28 Million**
- ❖ **Wireless Subscription reaches 687.71 Million**
- ❖ **17.10 Million Wireless Subscriber added**
- ❖ **Broadband subscriber number reaches 10.29 million mark**
- ❖ **Tele-density reaches 60.99% mark**

(source TRAI)

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

- A. On 28th October 2010 TRAI has issued a Consultation Paper on 'Quality of Service requirements for delivery of basic financial services using mobile phones'.

Comments of the stakeholders on the QoS parameters are requested by 8th December, 2010 and counter comments by 15th December, 2010

- B. On 15th October 2010, TRAI has issued a consultation paper regarding certain issue relating to telecom tariff and sought stakeholders comments by 29th November, 2010 and counter comments by 9th December, 2010.

- C. On 12th October 2010, TRAI has issued a draft amendment to the Regulation, 2006 (13 of 2006) on Intelligent network services in multi operators and multi network scenario for stakeholders' comments.

- D. On 8th October 2010, TRAI released Audit of accounts of Telecommunication Consumers Education and Protection Fund for the financial year 2009-2010.

- E. On 6th October 2010, TRAI vide letter no. 14-14/2010 FA, intimated the Association that the Authority is intend to study the impact on the various fees, taxes and levies on the Indian telecom industry and requested the Association to furnish details of various taxes and levies, benefits provided/ withdrawn along with other details to TRAI.

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III. TRAI OHD

- A. TRAI Open House Discussion on Consultation Paper on "National Broadband Plan" was held on 19th October 2010 at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.

IV. TRAI MEETING

- B. A Meeting to discuss MNP related issues was held in TRAI on 29^h October 2010.
- C. Second meeting of the Committee on the issue of 'Online Filing of Quarterly Accounting Separation Reports' held on 22nd October 2010 under the Chairmanship of Dy. Advisor (FA).
- D. A meeting to discuss National Broadband Plan was held on 18th October 2010 under the chairmanship of Chairman, TRAI.
- E. First meeting of the Committee on the issue of 'Online Filing of Quarterly Accounting Separation Reports' held on 5th October 2010 under the Chairmanship of Dy. Advisor (FA) in TRAI.

V. DOT LETTERS

- A. On 28th October 2010, DOT vide letter no. 17-4/2010-S1, circulated the minutes of Record Note of Discussion of MNP Migration Plan held on 27.10.2010 .
- B. On 18th October 2010, DOT has issued a public notice on their website regarding interception and surveillance of communication by some companies / agencies. The public notice advises to inform details of the equipment within 60 days to the respective TERM cell of DOT.
- C. On 16th October 2010, DOT vide letter no. 10-15/2009/AS.III/(Vol.II)/Pt.)/(58)/1010 requested the Association to submit certain details of International Certifying Companies on security aspect viz. Name of the company, Origin of the company, Place of registration and address of the registered office.

- D. On 12th October 2010, DOT circulated a draft Instructions on Verification of New Mobile Subscribers (Pre-paid & Postpaid) & requested the TSPs to submit their inputs / comments on the same.
- E. On 12th October 2010, DOT vide letter no. 813-07/7/10-DS, circulated a draft on the activity "Assess the Situation, as part of the Strategic Plan of Department of Telecommunications, DoT, for the next five years. DOT sought views of the Industrys Associations on this draft.
- F. On 7th October 2010, DOT vide letter no. 6/5/2010-Policy-I(Pt.)(ii.), sought views / inputs on the gist of suggestions received by DOT from various representatives of telecom industry including AUSPI, experts, and consumer groups on 'Telecom & Broadband Policy', in order to prepare a 'draft implementation plan' for the next five years and for submitting the same to Cabinet Secretariat by DOT.
- G. On 7th October 2010, DOT vide letter no. 6/5/2010-Policy-I(Pt.)(ii.), sought views / inputs on the gist of suggestions received by DOT from various representatives of telecom industry including AUSPI, experts, and consumer groups on 'Convergence of Telecom, IT & Broadcasting', in order to prepare a 'draft implementation plan' for the next five years and for submitting the same to Cabinet Secretariat by DOT.
- H. On 5th October 2010, DOT vide letter no. 11—7/2010-S1/19 circulated the Instructions to Telecom Service Providers and MNP Licensees for porting process A/T.
- I. On 4th October 2010, DOT vide letter no. 11—7/2010-S1/18 intimated the Association about Constituting a Committee for finalizing the Migration Plan of MNP.

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VI. DOT MEETINGS

- A. A meeting to discuss issues related to MNP Migration plan was held under the Chairmanship of Member (T) on 29th October 2010 in Sanchar Bhawan.
- B. Second meeting of the Committee "for Laying Standards on m-PIN mobile banking POS" was held on 29th October 2010, in TEC
- C. A meeting to discuss issues related to MNP Migration plan was held under the Chairmanship of DDG (Security-TERM) on 27th October 2010 in Sanchar Bhawan.
- D. 2nd meeting of National Working Group-5 under ITU-T was held on 28th October 2010 in TEC.
- E. A meeting to discuss issues related to MNP Migration plan was held under the chairmanship of DDG (Security – TERM) on 22nd October 2010 in Sanchar Bhawan.
- F. A meeting of the Committee for finalization of Migration Plan on MNP was held on 21st October 2010 in TEC.
- G. A meeting to discuss issues related to Subscriber Verification was held on 12th October 2010 in Sanchar Bhawan.
- H. First meeting of the DOT Committee for finalization of Migration Plan on MNP was held on 7th October 2010 in Sanchar Bhawan.
- I. A meeting of the DOT Committee on 'Policy for Imposition of Financial Penalty for violation of Terms & Conditions of UAS/CMTS License Agreement' was held on 5th October 2010 in Sanchar Bhawan.
- J. A meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Member (T), on 5th October, 2010 in connection with (i) Implementation of Location Base Services – feasible granularity supported with comments of LBS technology providers & (ii). Data Card monitoring on the basis of appropriate key words such as e-mail, name etc., in Sanchar Bhawan.

VII. OTHER IMPORTANT CIRCULAR/PRESS RELEASE/LETTER

- A. On 11th October 2010, FICCI Telecom Committee circulated First Draft of the FICCI-EY Telecom report. FICCI requested the Association to provide our inputs / suggestion on the report to Earnest & Young Team.

VIII. AUSPI LETTERS

- A. On 27th October 2010, AUSPI submitted its views to TRAI on draft amendment proposed by TRAI on the Intelligent Network Services in Multi Operator Multi Network Scenario Regulations, 2006 dated 12th October 2010.
- B. On 26th October 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Chairman, Unique Identification Authority of India, Regarding cost of authentication for new subscriber through UID number.

AUSPI requested UIDAI that,

- i. Transaction fee for Proof of Address verification through UID number should be waived off in case of telecom service provider.
 - ii. The cost of instrument for verification of POI and POA by authentication of UID number should be subsidized or the cost should be brought down through bulk buying / volume concession from the vendors.
 - iii. To promote m Commerce, efforts to link the bank account with UID number may be expedited.
- C. On 22nd October 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Sr. DDG, TEC requesting the Government to come out with a document in India for customer and general public awareness on ElectroMagnetic Radiation as is done by other countries like Japan.
 - D. On 12th October 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Secretary (T), DOT, requesting to withdraw amendment dated 3rd December 2009 to the license agreement for security



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clearance for import of telecom equipment and software with immediate effect,

- E. On 11th October 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to TRAI requesting to separate SP identifier in UPC format for each technology for dual technology operators.
- F. On 7th October 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Secretary (T), requesting for an extension for testing measurement of EMF from BTS Antenna till May 2011.
- G. On 7th October 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Cabinet Secretary w.r.t. a media report on the Establishment of SPV for OFC Network Connecting Panchayats.

AUSPI requested that before making a recommendation on the establishment of any SPV in this regard, Government must consider all available options in consultation with all stakeholders including private sector and requested for early release of a USO Scheme for wireless broadband in rural areas.

AUSPI also requested for an opportunity to present our view points on the above aspects to the Cabinet Secretariat.

- H. On 7th October 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Secretary, MHA regarding Security clearance for import of telecom equipment/software.

AUSPI requested to;

- i) *Withdraw amendment of 3rd December, 2009 regarding security clearance for import of telecom equipment.*
- ii) *Use only one process for the purpose of security clearance for import of telecom equipment/software.*
- iii) *Take conscious decision on many of the issues raised earlier like Penalty provision, Escrow account etc. in the Template of Agreement.*

- I. On 6th October 2010, AUSPI submitted its inputs to DOT Core Committee on 'Licensing Matters'.
- J. On 4th October 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Secretary (Finance), Ministry of Finance requesting that:
 - (i) GST should have a broad base to consist of virtually all goods and services.
 - (ii) Petroleum products like diesel should in particular be included in the GST and Input Credit of the same should be allowed as it would have cascading tax impact on telecom services.
- K. On 1st October 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Chairman, Parliament Standing Committee on Finance regarding the Direct Tax Code Bill, 2010 which is going to bring about basic structural change of the direct tax law.

AUSPI requested the Chairman to grant us a hearing to present our case in person

IX. JOINT INDUSTRY LETTER

- A. On 15th October 2010, a Joint Industry letter was submitted to DoT on issues pertaining to MNP A/T Testing.
- B. On 13th October 2010, a Joint Industry letter was submitted to TRAI on the process related issues regarding implementation of MNP in India.
- C. On 13th October 2010, Joint Industry submission was made to DOT on MNP Migration Plan.
- D. On 8th October 2010, a Joint Industry letter was submitted to DOT on Process Flow Testing and Call Flow Acceptance Testing (A/T Testing) for MNP.
- E. On 15th September 2010, a Joint Industry letter on the Acceptance Testing (A/T testing) for MNP was submitted to DoT/TEC.

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- F. On 15th September 2010, a Joint Industry letter on Issues relating to TRAI Consultation Paper on Collocation Charges was submitted to TRAI.

X. ACT LETTERS

- A. On 19th October 2010, ACT submitted its response to DoT on the draft Guidelines on Subscriber Verification circulated by DOT.
- B. On 15th October 2010, ACT submitted a letter to DoT seeking 6 months extension for re-verification exercise.
- C. On 15th October 2010, ACT submitted a letter to Hon'ble MOCIT regarding decentralization of Imposition of penalty to TERM Cell.
- D. On 15th October 2010, ACT submitted a letter to Principal Home Secretary, Karnataka on CLIR Issue.
- E. On 11th October 2010, ACT final final Proposal to DoT on J&K, NE & Assam Service Areas.

XI. MEETINGS

A. AUSPI MEETING

- i. On 27th October 2010, a meeting to discuss various issues related Telecom Sector was held in AUSPI.
- ii. On 11th October 2010, an AUSPI meeting prior to TRAI meeting on National Broadband Plan was held in AUSPI.

B. JOINT INDUSTRY MEETING / ACT MEETING

- I) Joint Industry Meeting to discuss issues related to MCD Notice on display of Advertisement was held on 25th October 2010.
- II) Joint Industry meeting to review status of MNP Implementation was held on 25th October 2010.
- III) Joint Industry meeting to review status of MNP Implementation was held on 20th October 2010.

- IV) ACT meeting to discuss DOT draft on Subscriber Verification was held on 13th October 2010.

- V) Joint industry Meeting to discuss issues related to Light Energy & Accounting Separation was held on 8th October 2010.

- VI) Joint Industry meeting to review status of MNP Implementation was held on 8th October 2010.

- VII) Joint Industry meeting to discuss issues related to MNP Implementation (Process Flow Acceptance Testing) was held on 7th October 2010.

- VIII) Joint Industry meeting to review status of MNP Implementation was held on 6th October 2010.

C. OTHER IMPORT EVENTS

- I) All Industry Reception to welcome Mr R Chandrashekhar, IAS Secretary, Department Of Telecom & Chairman Telecom Commission was held on 1st October 2010.

XII. UPCOMING EVENTS

- I) **25th November 2010:** Launch of Mobile Number Portability Services in Haryana Circle at Tagor Hall, Maharishi Dayanand University, Rohtak.
- II) **26th – 27th November 2010:** IITCOE workshop on 'Mobile Broadband: Igniting the Service Revolution' at The Metropolitan, Bangla Sahib Road, New Delhi.
- III) **29th November 2010:** Meeting of NWG 13- 'Future networks including mobile and NGN' at TEC.
- IV) **29th November 2010:** NFAP Review Meeting at DOT.
- V) **9-11 December 2010:** India Telecom 2010.
- VI) **10th December 2010 :** India-US ICT Working Group meeting.

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XIII. TELECOM BYTES

✍️ JOHN'S PHONE

A mobile phone that just makes calls and does nothing else has been developed. It has battery life of three week and its address book is pen and paper notepad tucked in its back.

Source: The Times of India

✍️ MOBILE IN PLACE OF WRIST WATCH

A British Study finds that one in seven people mobile phones and computers have made traditional watches obsolete.

Source: The Times of India

✍️ INDIANS HAVE HIGHEST SMARTPHONE SECURITY CONCERNS

Indians have shown the highest level of user concern for mobile security issues at 90 percent among the 16 countries, included in a global consumer Survey.

Brazil and Russia (88 per cent each), Germany (86 per cent) and China and Italy (both at 85 per cent) were the other countries with high level of security concerns while respondents in Hong Kong (70 per cent), Belgium/Netherlands (74 per Ccent) and the US and Japan (77 per cent each) were the least concerned by comparison.

✍️ WIRELESS TECHLIOLOGIES: FUELLING INDIA'S TELECOM GROWTH an article by Mr. Parak Kar of Qualcomm in Yojana. [Please click here](#)



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