

THE WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY

IAFI News

Submission of IAFI views on TRAI Consultation Paper regarding Selective Banning of OTT Services



Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) released a Consultation Paper regarding Regulatory Mechanism for Over-the-Top (OTT) Communication Services and Selective Banning of OTT Services. Last date to submit the comments was 01-09-2023. Draft comments were circulated to all members and industry partners for valuable inputs. After examining and consolidating the inputs, the IAFI submitted its detailed views on the various issues raised in the consultation paper to TRAI on 31st August 2023.

IAFI submitted two new contributions to upcoming meeting of ITU-T: SG3 Regional Group for Asia and Oceania (SG3RG-AO)



IAFI submitted the following 2 new contributions for ITU-T: SG3 Regional Group for Asia and Oceania (SG3RG-AO) meeting being held in Bangkok from 9-11 September.

- Proposal for a new work item for a Technical Report for assessment of the socio- economic impact of Local Area Networks using technologies such as Wi-Fi, New Radio - Unlicensed (NR-U) on consumers in Asia and Oceania
- Proposal for a new work item for a technical report documenting the challenges, use cases and related economic and cost advantages the of transition from IPv4 to IPv6 for the Asia Oceania Region

IAFI submitted a contribution to upcoming meeting of SG-20 of ITU-T



IAFI submitted a contribution, for creating a new work item regarding the “use of Low Bit Rate Data Application through Satellite for connecting IoT devices, to be used in remote area” for the upcoming meeting of SG-20 of ITU-T, likely to be held at Arusha, Tanzania from 13 th to 22 nd Sept, 2023.

TRAI Consultation Papers

Consultation Papers	Submission Dates	status
REVIEW OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PMRTS AND CMRTS LICENSES	29th Sep 2023	Under Development

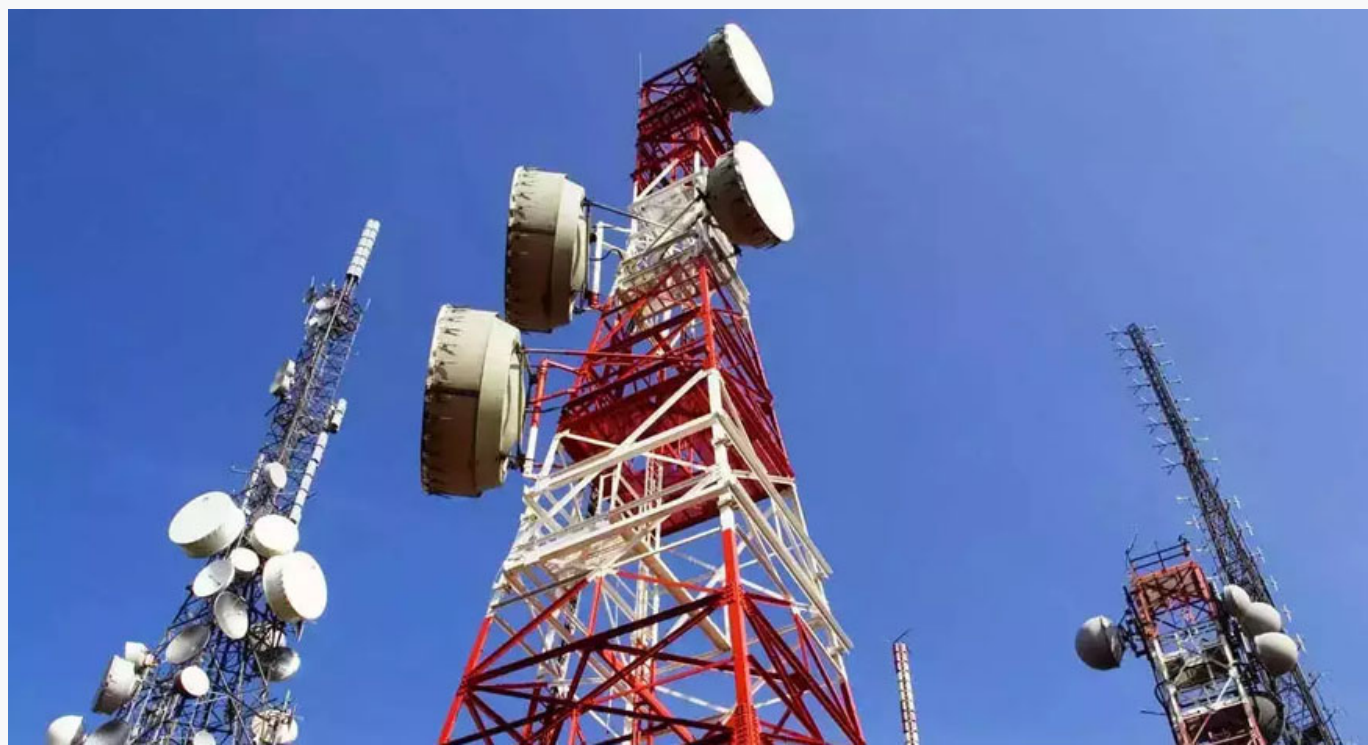
Important Meeting that IAFI will attend

Meeting	Dates	Submission Dates
ITU-R: Working Parties 6A, 6B and 6C	28th Aug - 7th Sep 2023	21st Aug 2023
APT: 16th APT Policy and Regulation Forum for Pacific (PRFP-16)	29th Aug - 1st Sep 2023	23rd Aug 2023
ITU-T: SG3 Regional Group for Asia and Oceania (SG3RG-AO)	11th - 12th Sep 2023	04th Sep 2023
ITU-T: Meeting of Study Group 20	13th - 22nd Sep 2023	06th Sep 2023
ITU-R: WP 5A	13th - 21th Sep 2023	09th Sep 2023
ITU-R: Study Group 5 (SG 5)	25th - 26th Sep 2023	18th Sep 2023
ITU-R: 3rd ITU Inter-regional Workshop on WRC-23 Preparation	27th - 29th Sep 2023	20th Sep 2023
ITU-T: Focus Group on metaverse (FG-MV)	03rd Oct - 05th Oct 2023	28th Sep 2023
ITU-T: Focus Group on cost models for affordable data services (FG-CD), and its first meeting and associated Workshop	o4th - 6th Oct 2023	27th Sep 2023

Telecom Stories:



Mittal was serving as the Principal Secretary of Information Technology Department, government of Tamil Nadu. Previously, the official worked as the Managing Director & CEO of Guidance Tamil Nadu. Prior to his stint as Senior Advisor at World Bank Group, and served as Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.



After suffering through years of disruptions and consolidations, the telecom sector is showing good signs of growth in aggregate gross revenues (AGR) driven by 'premiumisation' - higher 4G conversions and more post-paid subscriptions.

The telecom sector's AGR is expected to grow at a compounded annual growth rate (CAGR) at 12% between FY23-FY26. And, Bharti Airtel is expected to add more market share, say analysts.



The first 5G spectrum auction in India saw telcos spending around Rs 1.5 lakh crore to get airwaves from the Department of Telecommunications (DoT). The telecom department has also set the ball rolling for the next 5G spectrum auction. While the time zone for when it will happen is unknown, there is one thing for sure, it is not going to happen in CY23. For now, the telecom department has sent a reference to the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), seeking a reserve price for airwaves in different bands estimated to be worth Rs 2.5 lakh crore.