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AND

BROADBAND SERVICES

FOR

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CHAPTER-1: INTRODUCTION

1.0 Objectives of the Audit and Assessment of Quality of Service:

Telecom Regulatory Authority of India has been entrusted important task of laying down the standards of quality of service to be provided by the service providers and ensuring that the quality of service is provided as per norms; and also TRAI is responsible for conducting the periodical audit of such services provided by the service providers so as to protect the interest of the consumers of telecommunications service. TRAI engaged Datamation for the Southern Zone (Kerala circle) for the audit and assessment of Quality of Service of service provided for Basic (Wire line) Telephone Services, Broadband and Cellular Mobile Telephone Services by various Operators, as per the scope of work detailed in the tender document.

2.0. Scope of work to be undertaken:

The scope of work Audit and Assessment of Quality of Service of service providers as mandated by TRAI includes:

- (a) Preparation of Performance Monitoring reports (PMRs) and up- loading in the system.
- (b) Live measurements of the performance of Service Providers (SPs) against the benchmarks for three days during each audit.
- (c) Monthly audit based on one month data of the SPs.
- (d) Drive test of the RF networks.
- (e) Audit of the performance of call centres with respect to their accessibility and percentage of calls answered by the operators and random customer feedback by calling the customers to get feedback of the services provided by the service providers.
- (f) Transfer of data generated by the RF drive test / live measurements / PMR/ monthly audit to the server located at TRAI premises on real time basis.

3.0. Quality Parameters to be audited in respect of the Basic (Wire line), Telephone Services, Broadband, and Mobile Telephone Services:

Basic (Wire line Services): The parameters for Basic Telephone Service (Wire line) consist of various QoS indicators, which can be audited and assessed objectively, and include parameters like fault incidences, call completion rates / answer to seizure ratio, POI congestion and customer service parameters viz. mean time to repair faults, metering and billing credibility (post-paid and pre-paid), resolution of billing/charging complaints, period of applying credit/waiver/adjustment to customer's account, response time to the customer for assistance, termination/closure of service, time taken for refund of security deposit after closures; provision of a telephone after registration of demand, shift of telephone connection, etc.

Mobile Telephone Services: The parameters of Quality of Service for cellular mobile telephone services have been specified under the head (A) Network Service Quality Parameters (B) Customer Service Quality Parameters. The Network Service Quality Parameters include the parameters related to (i) Network Availability (ii) Connection Establishment, (iii) Connection Maintenance (iv) POI Congestion. The Customer Service Quality Parameters include metering and billing credibility (post-paid and pre-paid), resolution of billing/charging complaints, and period of applying credit/waiver/adjustment to customer's account, response time to the customer for assistance, termination/closure of service and time taken for refund of security deposit after closures. The parameters related to the Service coverage are to be audited and monitored during drive test. All of these parameters have been covered in the Q4.

Broadband Services: The parameters of Quality of Service for broadband services, specified in the regulation 3 of Quality of Service of Broadband Services Regulations, 2006, include service provisioning/activation time, fault repair and restoration time, billing performance, response time to customer for assistance, bandwidth utilization/throughput, service availability, packet loss and network latency.

Cellular Mobile Telephone Service:

S.N	Name of Parameter	Benchmark	Avg. over a Period
A	Network Service Quality Parameters:		
(i)	Network Availability		
	(a) BTSs Accumulated downtime (not available for service)	$\leq 2\%$	One Month
	(b) Worst affected BTSs due to downtime	$\leq 2\%$	One Month
(ii)	Connection Establishment (Accessibility)		
	(a) Call Set-up Success Rate(within licensee's own network)	$\geq 95\%$	One Month
	(b) SDCCH/ Paging Channel Congestion	$\leq 1\%$	One Month
	(c) TCH Congestion	$\leq 2\%$	One Month
(iii)	Connection maintenance (Retain ability)		
	(a) Call Drop Rate	$\leq 2\%$	One Month

	(b) Worst affected cells having more than 3% TCH drop (call drop) rate	$\leq 5\%$ up to 31.03.2011 $\leq 3\%$ From 01.04.2011	One Month
	(c) connections with good voice quality	$\geq 95\%$	One Month
(iv)	Point of Interconnection(POI) Congestion (on individual POI)	$\leq 0.5\%$	One Month
B	Customer Service Quality Parameters:		
(v)	Metering and billing credibility-- post-Paid	Not more than 0.1% of bills issued should be disputed over a billing cycle	One Billing Cycle
(vi)	Metering and billing credibility-- pre- paid	Not more than 1 complaint per 1000 customers i.e.0.1% complaints for metering, charging, credit, and validity	One Quarter
vii)	(a)Resolution of billing/ charging complaints	100% within 4 weeks	One Quarter
	(b) Period of applying credit/ waiver/ adjustment to customer's account from the date of resolution of complaints	within 1 week of resolution of complaint	One Quarter
(viii)	Response Time to the customer for assistance		
	(a) Accessibility of call centre/ customer care	$\geq 95\%$	One Quarter
	(b) Percentage of calls answered by the operators (voice to voice) within 60 seconds	$\geq 90\%$	One Quarter
(ix)	Termination/closure of service	≤ 7 days	One Quarter
(x)	Time taken for refund of deposits after closures	100% within 60 days	One Quarter

(ii) Basic Service (wire line):

S.N	Name of Parameter	Benchmark	Avg. over a Period
(i)	Fault incidences (No. of faults/100 subscribers/month)	≤ 5	One Quarter
(ii)	Fault repair by next working day	For urban areas: By next working day: $\geq 90\%$ and within 3 days: 100%. For rural and hilly areas: By next working day: $\geq 90\%$ and Within 5 days: 100%. Rent Rebate Faults pending for >3 days and ≤ 7 days: Rent rebate for 7 days. Faults pending for >7 days and ≤ 15 days: Rent rebate for 15 days.	One Quarter
		Faults pending for >15Days: rent rebate for one month.	
(iii)	Mean Time To Repair (MTTR)	≤ 8 Hrs	One Quarter
(iv)	(a) Call Completion Rate within a local network shall be better than	$\geq 55\%$	One Quarter
	or, (b) Answer to Seizure Ratio (ASR)	$\geq 75\%$	One Quarter
(v)	Point of Interconnection (POI) Congestion (on individual POI)	$\leq 0.5\%$	One month
(vi)	Metering and billing credibility–post paid	Not more than 0.1% of bills issued should be disputed over a billing cycle	One Billing Cycle
(vii)	Metering and billing credibility- pre-paid	Not more than 1 complaint per 1000 customers, i.e.,0.1% complaints for metering, charging, credit, and validity	One Quarter
(viii)	Resolution of billing/ charging Complaints	100% within 4 weeks	One Quarter
(ix)	Period of applying credit/ waiver/ adjustment to customer's account from the date of resolution of complaints	within 1 week of resolution of complaint	One Quarter
(x)	Response Time to the customer for assistance		
	(a) Accessibility of call centre/ customer care	$\geq 95\%$	One Quarter
	(b)Percentage of calls answered by the operators (voice to voice) within 60 seconds	$\geq 90\%$	One Quarter
(xi)	Termination/closure of service	≤ 7 days	One Quarter
(xii)	Time taken for refund of deposits after Closures	100% within 60 days.	One Quarter

(iii) Broadband Service:

S.N	Parameters	Benchmark
(i)	Service Provisioning/ Activation time	100% cases in =<15 working days (Subject to technical feasibility). In all cases where payment towards installation charge & security deposit is taken and the Broadband connection is not provided within 15 working days, a credit at the rate of Rs.10/ per day, subject to a maximum of installation charge or equivalent usage allowance shall be given to the customer, at the time of issue of first bill.
(ii)	Fault Repair/ Restoration Time	By next working day: > 90% and within 3 working days: 99% Rebate (a) Faults Pending for > 3 working days and < 7 working days: rebate equivalent to 7 days of minimum monthly charge or equivalent usage allowance (b) Faults Pending for > 7 working days and < 15 working days: rebate equivalent to 15 days of minimum monthly charge or equivalent usage allowance (c) Faults Pending for > 15 working days: rebate equivalent
(iii)	Billing Performance Billing complaints per 100 bills issued %age of Billing Complaints resolved Time taken for refund of deposits after closure	< 2% 100% within 4 weeks 100% within 60 days
(iv)	Response time to the customers for assistance	% age of calls answered by operator(Voice to Voice) Within 60 seconds > 60% Within 90 seconds > 80%

(v)	<p>Bandwidth Utilization/ Throughput:</p> <p>a) Bandwidth Utilization</p> <p>i) POP to ISP Gateway Node [Intra-network] Link(s)</p> <p>ii) ISP Gateway Node to IGSP / NIXI Node upstream Link(s) for International connectivity</p> <p>b) Broadband Connection Speed (download)</p>	<p><80% link(s)/route bandwidth utilization during peak hours (TCBH). If on any link(s)/route bandwidth utilization exceeds 90%, then network is considered to have congestion. For this additional provisioning of Bandwidth on immediate basis, but not later than one month, is mandated.</p> <p>Subscribed Broadband Connection Speed to be met >80% from ISP Node to User.</p>
(vi)	Service Availability / Uptime	<p>> 90% quarter ending June 2007;</p> <p>> 98% with effect from quarter ending September 2007 and onwards</p>
(vii)	Packet Loss	<1%
(viii)	<p>Network Latency(for wired broadband access)</p> <p>User reference point at POP / ISP Gateway Node to International Gateway (IGSP/NIXI)</p> <p>User reference point at ISP Gateway Node to International nearest NAP port abroad (Terrestrial)</p>	<p><120 msec</p> <p><350 msec</p>

User reference point at ISP Gateway Node to International nearest NAP port abroad (Satellite)
<800 msec

Detailed Scope of Work implemented & Universe:

We have been undertaking audit and assessment of Quality of Service provided by every service provider (licensee) in each of the telecom circles/metro service areas under the respective Zone in the following manner:-

- a. In respect of Cellular Mobile Telephone service, all the service areas/circles in each Zone are to be audited in every quarter of the year i.e. a service area will be audited four times in a year.
- b. In respect of Basic service (wire line) and Broadband service, a service area/circle in the contracted Zone is to be audited only once in a year.

We under took the audit work for the Mobile services as follows: -.

- (a) Generation of reports at service providers site as part of QoS monitoring reports i.e. quarterly Performance Monitoring Reports (PMRs) and monthly Point of Interconnect (POI) Congestion Reports for Basic and Cellular Mobile Services with reference to the records maintained by the service provider and the system logs for the period. We generated the quarterly PMR at site and uploaded it on real time basis on the server at TRAI, Delhi.

The PMR report formats and parameters were finalized and any modifications or additions of parameters were undertaken in consultation with TRAI. The scope covered all future PMR parameters as and when defined by TRAI during the duration of the contract. The PMRs were generated on monthly basis for the Network Service Quality Parameters of cellular mobile telephone services and on quarterly basis for Customer Service Quality Parameters of cellular mobile telephone services, basic (wire line) services and broadband services as per the parameters specified. The PMRs so generated were up-loaded on the server latest by 7th of the following month.

- (b) Verification of the performance of service providers against the Quality of Service benchmarks laid down by TRAI using live measurement for three days for the parameters for the services as specified during the month in which the audit and assessment is carried out. The results were uploaded live on the server;
- (c) Verification of the performance of service providers against the Quality of Service benchmarks, for the parameters and for the services as specified in clause 1.9, laid down by TRAI using the data for the entire month during which the live measurement as per clause (b) above is carried out; the results were uploaded live on the server;
- (d) Drive tests of the mobile networks of service providers; the results were uploaded live on the server. We carried out an analysis of the drive test and loaded the results giving such information and in such format as agreed by TRAI.
- (e) Audit of the performance of call centers with respect to their accessibility and percentage of calls answered by the operators, test calling and random customer feedback by calling the customers to get feedback of the services of the service providers was also carried out by Datamation. The Automatic Call Distribution (ACD) records were also verified for the calls answered by the operators within 60 seconds.

3.1 Sampling Universe:

The Telecom Licensed Service Areas / Circle for the purpose of audit and assessment are:

South Zone: Kerala

The audit and assessment of Quality of Service has been conducted for BSNL, MTNL, private basic service

providers, unified access service providers, cellular mobile service providers and ISPs (providing broadband service) in various service areas for basic telephone service (wire line), cellular mobile telephone service and broadband service. We were required to conduct the audit and assessment of Quality of Service of Broadband Service only in respect of the service providers who are having broadband subscriber base of more than 10,000 subscribers in their licensed service area. The updated data in respect of licensees (service providers) who have commissioned service and their subscriber base/Mobile Switching Centre (MSCs)/BTS"/ Exchanges / Internet Service Providers Central Nodes (ISP Nodes) is supposed to be be intimated by TRAI from time to time and we carried out the audit and assessment of Quality of Service accordingly thereafter.

The audit and assessment of Quality of Service for all the service providers in a Telecom Circle/Metro Service Area/ Licensed Service Area were completed in the same quarterly period.

Generation of performance reports against QOS benchmarks:

4.0 Coverage, Sampling & Research Methodology for the Southern Zone (Kerala):

Sample size for cellular mobile services:

100% Gate way MSCs (GMSC) and Mobile Switching Centre (MSC) of all the Cellular Mobile Service Provider (CMSP) or Unified Access Service Providers (UASP) were covered in specified circles/ service areas in respective Zone in each of the quarterly period.

Number of exchanges to be covered for Basic (Wire line) services:

The break-up of the total number of exchanges of BSNL, MTNL and private basic service operators circle/ service area-wise, including urban and rural exchanges, and the number of exchanges, both urban and rural, that is covered during the year (i.e. four quarters) for audit and assessment of the Quality of Service has been obtained from TRAI. As per the break-up of number of exchanges to be covered in a year, 556 urban exchanges and 1508 rural exchanges, totaling 2064 exchanges are proposed to be covered. The exchanges are evenly spread over in about 10% of SDCAs to the extent possible with each service provider in specified circles/ service areas. A service area/circle in the contracted Zone has been audited only once in a year.

Number of POPs to be covered for Broadband Services:

We propose to first visited the ISP"s Central Node in licensed service area and identify the total number of Point of Presence (POPs) in each service area. Thereafter, the sample for audit and assessment of Point of Presence has been decided in such a way that minimum 5% (five percent) of the Points of Presence of ISP

spread over in 10% (ten percent) SDCAs in specified service area/telecom circle have been covered. The POPs are proposed to be evenly spread over in the licensed service area. A service area/circle has been audited only once in a year.

4.1 Primary Data Collection and Quality Control: The primary data was collected only as per the structured questionnaire and through field visits as per mode and protocol indicated and already approved by TRAI.

The primary data was collected by Datamation's RAN Engineers. The following measures, amongst others, were adopted to ensure good quality of data:

- Contents of questionnaire along with techniques and tools used for the survey and data collection after approval of TRAI were shared with all the trained / skilled investigating personnel at the beginning of the survey through orientation;
- Standardized data collection tool and guidelines were designed by the project team;
- Monitoring and supervision of field Engineers was done by team leader and field team leaders.

4.2 Secondary data collection and use: To achieve the set objectives of the survey, information from secondary sources was also used, including information supplied from TRAI and various other relevant media/sources.

Data processing, analysis and Report writing: after collection of data and field work, data processing was done by editing, validation of data for removing duplication or incomplete information, etc. and tabulation. Analysis of data was done as per the scope of work and deliverables. After completion of compilation of data and analysis, reports were compiled and submitted to TRAI which will include details on comparable parameters state wise.

5.0. Procedure adopted for Quality and Assessment of the Services:

The generation and verification of performance of service providers against QOS benchmarks involved measuring of specified reporting parameters, checking of complete records, analysis of procedure and method utilized by various service providers in measuring the parameters and method of averaging for the purpose of reporting. We included critical findings licensee-wise in each *quarterly* report.

Audit methods and procedures:

To measure each quality of service parameter defined by TRAI, the two main sources of data collection identified were:

- Audit of the MIS reports at exchanges (OMC or MSCs) or ISP Node of the service provider.
- Primary data collection and check back calls (live observations done during the visits)

The audit was conducted in each centre of study to generate various types of data. Thus, for data collection, following activities were undertaken during the appraisal exercise.

Collection of MIS data of OMC or MSC or ISP Node:

For this TRAI has suggested to the service providers to maintain the QoS source data in a proper format. From the source data, we generated the quarterly/monthly performance monitoring reports (PMR). Methodology adopted was checked against instructions and standards to see if the measurements adhere to specifications.

Live Measurements and Live Data Collation:

During the audit and assessment, following activities were undertaken for live measurements and live data collection.

a) Audit and Assessment of complaint redressal and provisioning of new broadband Connections:

Telephonic interviews are proposed to be conducted among a sample of subscribers of telephone –

- In basic service (wireline) for those customers who reported a fault complaint, billing dispute
- In case of Mobile operators, who have had a recent billing dispute
- In case of Broadband service for those who requested for a new connection reported a fault complaint, billing dispute, complaint of Broadband connection speed (download).

Data shall be obtained on:

- Occurrence of fault complaints
- Clearance of fault within stipulated time
- Incidence of billing disputes
- Clearance of billing complaints within stipulated time
- Attendance to requests for closure/ termination of service

Sampling Procedure & quality control: In order to get a correct and meaningful result from audit it is important to ensure that the right sampling procedure is followed. Equally important is the process of ensuring that quality control parameters are put in place. Care has been taken to distribute the sample to obtain a random list. The distribution of sample sizes has been evenly distributed. The sampling procedure for various activities to be carried is given below:

Sample for telephonic interview for billing complaints:

The sample size for telephonic interview of billing complaints in each audit is 100 subscribers or the total number of complaints, whichever is less per service provider for each service in a licensed service area. All the complaints booked shall be treated as the total population for selection of samples.

Sample for telephonic interview for new connection for Broadband Service:

The sampling frame was for Point of Presence /ISP Node of Broadband Service Provider. Here, the total sample size (10% of the applicants in the previous month or 100 whichever is less for every service provider) has been randomly selected from the records /registers to make check back calls.

Sample for telephonic interview for service complaints/ requests:

The operator is required to provide the details of the service complaints/ requests for the month previous to the audit month for Cellular Mobile Telephone Services, Basic (wireline) Services and Broadband Services. For broadband services, complaints related to download speed are proposed to be covered. From the list of these complaints /requests (10% or 100 per service provider per license service area, whichever is less) sample has been drawn randomly to make check back calls. A notice of minimum³ (three) weeks was provided to the service provider by us for arranging and supplying the data required for audit of exchanges, ISP nodes and MSCs to be covered.

b) Audit and Assessment of Call Centre/ customer care promptness and live measurement through test calls:

Test calls were made to assess the availability and efficiency of Level 1 services and complaint centre accessibility. The telephone /SIM Cards/Instruments for testing purposes were provided by the concerned service provider(s) in whose network the audit and assessment of Quality of Service is carried out. The details regarding test calls are:

(a) Testing of Level 1 Services:

Level 1 Services include police, fire, ambulance (Emergency services) in the case of both Mobile service providers and basic telephone service providers. Test calls were made from all the levels working in a particular SDCA visited. Again, the total sample sizes (150 per license service area per service per quarter) were equally distributed among the different SDCAs visited, and the distribution among the active levels is in proportion to the capacity of each level in that SDCA.

(b) Inter-operator call assessment:

Inter Network calls i.e. calls made from one operator to another within the same license were made to judge the ease of connectivity amongst the operators.

A sample of 2 X50 test calls per service provider within the licensed service area was made at different point of time to the free test numbers of another service provider (50 calls between 1000 to 1300

Hrs and 50 calls between 1500 to 1700 hrs for basic service and between 1100 to 1400 hrs and between 1600 to 1900 hrs) for cellular mobile service. The results of these calls were compiled and reported

separately for each service provider service area-wise.

The telephone/ SIM Cards /Instruments for testing purposes were provided by the concerned service provider(s) in whose network the audit and assessment of Quality of Service is carried out.

(c) Testing of Complaint Centre Accessibility and response time:

(i) Basic Telephone Service (wire line) and Cellular Mobile Telephone Service:

We measured the performance of both basic telephone service (wire line) & cellular mobile services against the benchmarks of the following Quality of Service parameters:-

Response time to the customer for assistance:

(a) Accessibility of call centre/customer care $\geq 95\%$

(b) % age of calls answered by the operator (voice to voice):

Within 60 seconds = 90%

The procedure for assessment of the performance in respect of above parameters was made using the traffic data at the point of termination to call centre from mobile/ basic telephone network. Traffic at the tandem or trunk or gateway MSC out going circuits to IVR of call centre was measured as per the traffic counter available in the respective switch to assess the accessibility of call centre.

In the case of parameter % of call answered by the operator voice to voice, assessment of IVR traffic data and CRM traffic data was analyzed during the time consistent busy hour (TCBH) of call centre. In addition, we also made the test calls and correlated the results with the traffic data analysis.

The procedure (IVR menu and sub-menu) and ease of accessing the operator within the benchmark laid down by TRAI, both post-paid and pre-paid customers were assessed and reported. In this regard para 3.11.4 of the Explanatory Memorandum to the Standards of Quality of Service of Basic Telephone Service (Wire line) and Cellular Mobile Telephone Service Regulations, 2009 and provisions of the Telecom Consumers Complaint Redressal Regulations, 2012 was being followed.

(ii) Broadband service:

We propose to measure the performance of Broadband service against the benchmarks of the following Quality of Service parameters:-

Response time to the customer for assistance: % age of calls answered by operator (voice to voice):

Within 60 seconds = 60%

Within 90 seconds = 80%

Measurement:

A sample of 2 X 50 calls per service provider is proposed to be made at different point of time to the call centre of each service provider from each licensed service area (50 calls between 1000 to 1300 Hrs. and 50 calls between 1500 to 1700 hrs.) for basic telephone service (wireline) and similarly, 2X50 calls to the call centre of each service provider (50 calls between 1100 to 1400 hrs. and 50 calls between 1600 to 1900 hrs.) for cellular mobile telephone service from each licensed service area to ensure statistical significance. The time to connect to IVR has been noted for all these calls. This is the wait time before an automatic answer machine (IVR) message begins. We then propose to measure the gap between the time when the last digit of the number is dialed, and the time when the IVR message begins. Similarly the wait time before a Call Centre agent responds to a test call were measured for all such test calls.

Verification and audit of records:

We propose to verify and audit the following records in respect of Basic Telephone Service (wire line):

- Call Centre records for complaints
- FRS details for fault complaints, fault repair and MTTR (Mean Time to Repair)
- Commercial records for billing details, billing disputes and redressal there of
- Past traffic reports at local and TAX (Trunk Automatic exchanges) for Call
- Completion Rate/*Answer to Seizure Ratio* calculations
- Checking of customer complaint handling through live test at the call centre
- 100 Nos. of service complaints / requests and 100 Nos. of billing related complaints shall be taken up by the auditing agency for verifying their redressal as per the record of the service provider.

We verified and audited the following records in respect of Cellular Mobile Telephone Service:

- Call Centre records for complaints
- Network maintenance and planning department (OMC and Drive Test) records for QOS parameters
- System / Network outage details, Call Set-up Success Rate, Blocked Call Rate, Call Drop Rate, worst affected cells having more than 3 % TCH drop rate, Voice Quality, Service Coverage and POI congestion
- Commercial and customer care records for billing disputes, redressal and refunds of payment
- Checking of customer complaint handling through live test at the call centre
- 100 Nos. of service complaints/ requests and 100 Nos. of billing related complaints were taken up by the auditing Agency for verifying their redressal as per the record of the service provider.

We propose to verify & audit records maintained by Broadband service providers relating to:

- Call Centre records for complaints
- FRS details for fault complaints, fault repair
- Records for requests for new connection, and supplementary services
- Commercial records for billing details, billing disputes and redressal there of
- Checking of customer complaint handling through live test at the call centre
- Service complaints/ requests and billing related complaints shall be taken up by the auditing agency for verifying their redressal as per the record of the service provider.
- Bandwidth Utilization/ Throughput
- Broadband connection speed
- Service Availability/Uptime
- Packet Loss and Latency measurements

Network performance parameters like Bandwidth Utilization/Throughput including Broadband Connection Speed, Packet Loss and Latency shall be measured on sample basis.

The detailed methodology for each Quality of Service parameter as given in the Explanatory Memorandum to the Quality of Service of Broadband Service Regulations, 2006 dated 6th October 2006 (11 of 2006) was followed. The signature of the Nodal Officer nominated by the service provider for coordination with the audit agency were taken on all the formats containing the verified data for all the parameters

We were taken live measurements and collection of one month data or audit by actual visit to such NOC, OMC, call centre and billing centre.

Procedure followed for cellular mobile telephone service data generation, verification and audit

S.N	Parameter	Procedure
i)	Network availability (a) BTS accumulated down time (b) Worst affected BTSs due to down time	The fault Alarm tracking details at the OMC (MSC) for the network outages (due to own network elements and infrastructure service provider end outages) were verified for arriving at the figures reported to TRAI.
ii)	Call Set-up Success Rate	The cell wise data generated through counters/ MMC available in the switch for traffic measurements were verified.
iii)	Blocked Call Rate	Both for SDCCH and TCH congestions the data in MSCs was verified and compared with the data reported to TRAI in the Quarterly PMRs.
iv)	Call Drop Rate	This parameter was measured by the system generated (defined counters are available in the system for traffic measurement) cell wise dropped call data and total calls established figures to arrive at the authenticity and accuracy of the benchmark reported to TRAI.
v)	% Connections with good voice quality	This parameter was measured from the system generated data on a scale from 0 to7 for GSM and FER value for CDMA technology. We also collected the relevant city wise drive log files for all drive tests conducted to verify the parameter.

vi)	Service coverage	We also collected the relevant city wise drive log files for all drive tests conducted to verify the parameter.
vii)	POI Congestion	The traffic data generated through Gateway MSCs (GMSCs) and reported to TRAI in POI congestion reports were verified
vii)	Metering and Billing Credibility	We audited the billing complaints details on complaints received during the quarter and used for arriving at the figures reported to TRAI.
ix)	% of Billing Complaints resolved	Audit of billing complaints resolved and the total complaints received were carried out to check the figures reported to TRAI. At the same time, we also conducted random live back checks of complaints.
x)	Period of applying credit/waiver/adjustment to customers account from the date of resolution	We checked the billing complaints for which credit/waiver/adjustment were made on resolution of the complaints within one week.
xi)	Termination/closure of service	The data was verified for termination /closure of the services within 7 days from the date of request.
xii)	Time taken for refund of deposits after closure	We verified that 100 % deposits should be refunded within 60 days. At the same time, we also conducted a random live back check so fall such subscribers entitled for a refund.

Drive Tests:

In the case of Cellular Mobile Service, the exercise of QoS assessment shall not be limited to generation, verification and audit of data, but we shall also verify the parameters by conducting extensive drive test in all service areas, as per the details given below, to assess the network performance.

There are two types of drive tests that were conducted. One is operator assisted drive test and the other is independent drive tests. The details of these drive tests are given below:

Operator Assisted Drive Tests: The primary aims of these drive tests is to cross-check/ validate the data on Quality of Service being provided by the telecom service providers to TRAI. These drive tests were conducted in such a manner so as to enable identification of network element deficiency and initiation of improvements. The operator assistance was desired to ensure a greater audit transparency.

In each licensed service area drive test in three cities, having high population, medium population and low population, were conducted every month for each service provider covering a minimum distance of 100 kilometers in city area and adjoining areas including important indoor sites. These cities were proposed and finalized by TRAI. The results of analysis of data generated during such drive tests were uploaded, immediately on completion of the drive test, to the central server at TRAI.

Independent Drive Tests: We did independent drive tests in Q4 spread across the contracted zone limited to a maximum of 10 drive tests per licensed service area, in a year. The location for these drive tests was selected based on the subscriber complaints being received by TRAI or as decided by TRAI. Independent drive test covered a city and adjoining areas covering a minimum distance of 100 kilometers including congested areas and important indoor sites. The results of analysis of data generated during such drive tests have been uploaded, immediately on completion of the drive test, to the central server at TRAI.

Drive Test Methodology:

For drive test following procedure was adopted:

- i. We obtained a coverage map from the service provider before starting the drive test and studied the coverage detail in terms of the signal strength. Based on the signal strength as depicted in the coverage map, the drive test was done to check the following parameters:
 - a. Coverage-Signal strength
 - b. Voice quality
 - c. Call setup success rate
 - d. Blocked calls e. Call drop rate
- ii. The drive test covered selected cities and adjoining towns/ rural areas where the service provider has commenced service, including congested areas and indoor sites.
- iii. The drive test covered the routes including expressways, major and secondary roads / streets, Commercial, residential areas/Commercials estates to check the in-building network performance.
- iv. The drive tests of each mobile network were conducted between 10 am and 8 pm on weekdays.
- v. The Vehicle used in the drive tests was equipped with the test tool that automatically generates calls on the mobile telephone networks.
- vi. The speed of the vehicle was kept at around 30-50 km/hour (around 30 km/hr in case of geographically small cities)
- vii. The holding period of each test call was 120 seconds.
- viii. A test call was generated 10 seconds after the previous test call is completed.
- ix. Measurement using engineering handsets was not done
- x. The dedicated originating and terminating mobile unit's antenna was placed at the same height and in the same vehicle. Moreover, the height of the antenna was uniform in case of all service providers.

6.0 Reporting Formats:

We developed data formats including executive summary, critical findings and detailed data analysis thereof for reporting the results of such audit and assessment. We submitted to TRAI sample design and sample reporting formats within 4 weeks of signing of the agreement. All these reports were enabled as online reports with sufficient flexibility of querying against various parameters.

6.1 Deliverables:

Quarterly Reports: We are submitting quarterly reports in the formats approved by TRAI for the purpose. Five copies of such report during the quarterly period were submitted to TRAI within the time period given in the delivery schedule.

The report also contained the Audit results of service areas including executive summary, critical findings and comparison of performance of the service providers on various qualities of service parameters for which Audit work was undertaken during the *quarter*.

Reports were submitted for approval within one month of the completion of each *quarter* for audit and assessment of QoS parameters for basic service, cellular mobile service and broadband service. The report contained the findings on audit and assessment of QOS provided by service providers carried out in accordance with Clause 2 above. The report contained performance of each service provider for each licensed service area against the Quality of Service parameters. The report also contained a comparative analysis of performance of all the service providers in a licensed service area. The report also contained an Executive Summary and critical finding along with detailed analysis.

A separate report shall also be submitted for each company/group of companies at the end of the year. The report contained an Executive Summary and critical finding along with detailed analysis to share with the service provider and take further follow-up action.

7.0. Work Plan and Delivery Schedule:

S. No.	Deliverable	Period
	Date of award of work as per the contract say (D)	
1.	Submission of all sample design and reporting formats by the Audit agency	D+4 weeks
2.	Submission of final design and reporting formats by the Audit agency incorporating modifications and corrections suggested by TRAI and its acceptance	D+8 weeks
3.	Commencement of audit and assessment of Quality of Service	Beginning of – the quarter following date of award of work (D) or any subsequent quarter, as decided by TRAI
4.	Submission of first quarterly report	One month from the end of the first quarter
5.	Submission of second quarterly report	One month from the end of the second quarter
6.	Submission of third quarterly report	One month from the end of the third quarter
7.	Submission of fourth quarterly report	One month from the end of the fourth quarter
8.	Commencement of audit and assessment of Quality of Service for the first quarter for the extended period	From the end of the fourth quarter or any later period as decided by TRAI
9.	Submission of first quarterly report for the extended period, if any	One month from the end of the first quarter of extended period
10.	Submission of second quarterly report for the extended period, if any	One month from the end of the second quarter of extended period
11.	Submission of third quarterly report for the extended period, if any	One month from the end of the third quarter of extended period
12.	Submission of fourth quarterly report for the extended period, if any	One month from the end of the fourth quarter of extended period

CHAPTER-2: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

I. Preface

This report presents the growth trends for the telecom services in India for the quarter ending June 2014. This report provides a broad perspective on the Telecom Services to serve as a reference document for various stakeholders, research agencies and analysts. Under the Unified Access Service (UAS) Regime, the details of subscriber base under wireless services, both GSM & CDMA technologies have been combined.

This report highlights the findings for the audit & assessment of Quality of Service of Cellular Mobile Services, Wire line Services & Broadband Services in **South Circle** (Kerala) in 4th quarter (April – June 2014). The primary data collection and verification of records (PMR data verification – quarterly) maintained by various operators was undertaken during the period April – June 2014.

Following are the various operators covered in Kerala circle (South Zone) for Cellular Mobile (Wireless) services QoS audit & assessment. The Month of audit & TCBH information is also given below:

S.I.	Name of Service Provider	Month of Audit	TCBH Hour
GSM Operators			
1	Aircel Ltd	April-June' 14	1900-2000 Hrs
2	Airtel Ltd	April-June' 14	1900-2000 Hrs
3	BSNL	April-June' 14	1900-2000 Hrs
4	Idea	April-June' 14	1900-2000 Hrs
5	Reliance Communication (GSM)	April-June' 14	1900-2000 Hrs
6	Tata Communications (GSM)	April-June' 14	1900-2000 Hrs
7	Vodafone	April-June' 14	1900-2000 Hrs
CDMA Operators			
8	MTS	April-June' 14	1900-2000 Hrs
9	Reliance Communication (CDMA)	April-June' 14	1900-2000 Hrs
10	Tata Communications (CDMA)	April-June' 14	1900-2000 Hrs

II. Findings from Quality of Service Audit (Operator wise for each parameter)

Verification of the Performance of Service Providers against the Quality of Service benchmarks laid down by TRAI using the data for the entire month during which the live measurement is carried out.

➤ As per PMR Data Verification Results for-

- **Kerala Circle (April'14)** - From the month Data Assessment, it is found that TATA (2G & CDMA) are not meeting the benchmark for worst affected cells having more than 3% TCH drop (call drop) rate.
- **Kerala Circle (May'14)**: From the month Data Assessment, it is found that TATA (2G & CDMA) are not meeting the benchmark for worst affected cells having more than 3% TCH drop (call drop) rate
- **Kerala Circle (June'14)**: TATA (2G & CDMA) Operators are not meeting the benchmark for **worst affected cells having more than 3% TCH drop (call drop) rate in Kerala Circles** for the month of June'14.
- **Kerala Circle(April- June'14):-** According to the summarized data for the month of April, May and June we found that only TATA (2G & CDMA) are not meeting the benchmark for **worst affected cells having more than 3% TCH drop (call drop) rate.**

➤ As per 3 Days Live Test Audit Report (4th Quarter), Kerala Circle:-

Verification of the Performance of Service Providers against the Quality of Service benchmarks laid down by TRAI using Live measurements for 3 days during the month in which the Audit and Assessment is carried out.

- TATA (2G & CDMA) is not meeting the benchmark for **worst affected cells having more than 3% TCH drop (call drop) rate** for all the 3 Days and TATA 3G for Day1 & Day2.
- Aircel is not meeting the benchmark for **worst affected cells having more than 3% TCH drop (call drop) rate** for Day1 & Day3 and **call drop rate (<=2%)** for Day2.

➤ **As per Operator Assisted Drive Test:**

The Operator Assisted Drive Test was conducted for all the Operators. Route covered was about 100 Km depending on city areas within the speed limit of 30-40 km/hour. In all the cities Zones were selected for covering different density areas (High/Medium/Low)

❖ **Kerala Circle:**

- Aircel not participated in Drive Test audit in Lakshadweep and Thrissur.
- In Lakshadweep only BSNL and Airtel participated.
- TATA CDMA failed to achieve Dropped Call KPI benchmark in Ernakulum.
- TATA CDMA failed to achieve voice quality parameter for 0-4 (w/o frequency hopping) in Ernakulum.
- IDEA, Vodafone and Rcom GSM failed to achieve benchmark the Voice Quality parameter (0-5 (with frequency hopping)) in Thrissur.
- IDEA, Vodafone and BSNL failed to achieve the benchmark voice quality parameter for 0-5 (with frequency hopping) in Ernakulum.
- BSNL is not meeting the benchmark for Call Setup Success Rate ($\geq 95\%$) in Lakshadweep.

➤ **Independent Drive Test:-**

The Independent Drive Test was conducted for 4 Operators in 10 different Area as per the customer complain data. Route covered was about 100 Km depending on city areas within the speed limit of 30-40 km/hour. In all the cities Zones were selected for covering different density areas (High/Medium/Low)

- BSNL in Ernakulum, Malappuram, Cherthala, Ottappalam, Changanassery, Adoor and Kayamkulam, Vodafone & Airtel in Kanhangad, BSNL & Airtel in Kasargod, Vodafone in Ottappalam are meeting not the benchmark for Blocked Call Rate $\leq 3\%$.
- BSNL in Ernakulum & Kayamkulam, Vodafone in Chalakudy, Ottappalam, BSNL, Airtel & Vodafone in Kanhangad, BSNL in Kasargod & Changanassery, Vodafone & BSNL in Malappuram and BSNL & Airtel in Adoor are not meeting the benchmark for Dropped Call Rate $\leq 2\%$.
- Only BSNL in Cherthala, Ottappalam, Changanassery and Adoor is not meeting the benchmark for Call Setup Success Rate ($\geq 95\%$).

- BSNL & Airtel in Ernakulum & Kayamkulam, Airtel in Chalakudy, Vodafone in Kanhangad, BSNL in Kasargod, Cherthala, Ottappalam, Chaganassery and Adoor are not meeting the benchmark for Hand over Success Rate $\geq 98\%$.
 - Idea, Vodafone & BSNL in Ernakulum, Malappuram, Cherthala, Chalakudy, Kanhangad, Kasargod, Adoor, Kayamkulam and Chaganassery, Idea & Vodafone in Ottappalam and TATA GSM in Cherthala are not meeting the benchmark for Voice Quality Parameters $\geq 95\%$.
- **Basic Telephone Service (Wireline) Providers:-**
- From the Month data table, it was observed that BSNL is not meeting the benchmark for "fault repair", "MTTR" & " Answer to seizure Ratio (ASR)" parameters and rest of the operators are meeting the benchmark. However some data are not available in for some operators.
- **Broadband Service Providers:-**
- From the Month data table, it was observed that all the operators are meeting the benchmark; however some data are not available of some operators
- **Level 1 Live Calling (Emergency No.) Q4**
- Level 1 calling such as calling at emergency no. like Police, Fire, and Ambulance were made so as to check the service of such short codes. In different cities of Kerala it was found to be functional and in Lakshadweep only BSNL & Airtel was available and in Thrisur Aircel was not available.
- **Performance (live calling for billing complaints):**
- We have made live calling to customers as per their complaints details and we verified their complaint and we found that most of the complaints are resolved within the time line and all the operators are meeting the TRAI benchmarks.
- **Live calling to call centre:-**
- In live calling to call centers we found that all the operators are meeting their benchmark except Rcom GSM for both Calls got connected to agent within 60 Sec and %age of calls got answered are not meeting the benchmark

➤ **Inter Operator Call Assessment**

- In the inter-operator call assessment test, calls were made from one operator to other operator so as to check congestion on both the operators' network. In such cases, the radio part, switch part and the POI in between the operators are involved and hence if any congestion is found in the network, it may be due to any of these parts. The result shows that there is not much congestion on the operator network; however the congestion was shown with all the operators BSNL, Vodafone, Airtel, Rcom, Tata, Idea, Aircel and MTS service provider.

➤ **CUSTOMER SERVICE QUALITY PARAMETERS**

❖ **4th Quarter data Assessment (Kerala Circle)**

- According to the parameter metering/billing credibility post-paid in the table **3.7.1** we found that all the service providers are meeting the benchmark.
- According to the parameter metering /billing credibility pre-paid in the table **3.7.1** we found that all the service providers are meeting the benchmark.
- According to the parameter Resolution of billing/ charging complaints in the table **3.7.1** we found that the TATA GSM service provider is not meeting the benchmark.
- According to the parameter Period of applying credit/waiver/adjustment to the customer's account from the date of resolutions of complaints in the table **3.7.1** we found that all the service providers are meeting the benchmark.
- According to the parameter Accessibility of call centre/Customer Care in the table **3.7.1** we found that all the service providers are meeting the benchmark.
- According to the parameter % call answered by operators (voice to voice) within 60 sec in the table **3.7.1** we found that the Airtel, BSNL, Rcom (GSM & CDMA) and TATA GSM service providers are not meeting the benchmark.
- According to the parameter no. of requests for Termination / Closure of service complied within 7 days during the quarter in the table **3.7.1** we found that all the service providers are meeting the benchmark.
- According to the parameter Time taken for refunds of deposits after closures in the table **3.7.1** we found that Idea is not meeting the benchmark.

CHAPTER-3: AUDIT –PMR DATA VERIFICATION RESULTS

3.0 Cellular Mobile Telephone Service

3.1 PMR Data Verification Results for

3.1.1 Kerala Circle (April'14):

Verification of the Performance of Service Providers against the Quality of Service benchmarks laid down by TRAI using the data for the entire month during which the live measurement is carried out.

Kerala Circle (April'14)																
April. Month PMR Generation Data		Bench mark	Audit Period	Aircel	Airtel	BSNL 2G	BSNL 3G	IDEA	IDEA 3G	Relian ce	TATA 2G	TATA 3G	Vodafo ne	Reliance	TATA	MTS
S/N	Name of Parameter			GSM Operators										CDMA		
Network Service Quality Parameter																
1 Network Availability																
1	BTS accumulated downtime	≤ 2%	One Month	0.24%	0.04%	1.09%	0.67%	0.23%	0.10%	0.10%	0.03%	1.19%	0.04%	0.14%	0.04%	0.07%
	Worst affected BTS due to downtime	≤ 2%	One Month	1.28%	0.06%	0.01%	1.76%	1.33%	0.03%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.14%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
2 Connection establishment (Accessibility)																
2	Call Setup Success Rate	≥ 95%	One Month	99.92%	99.73%	98.02%	98.11%	99.73%	98.88%	99.78%	98.79%	99.73%	99.42%	99.27%	98.79%	99.63%
	SDCCH/ Paging Channel Congestion	≤ 1%	One Month	0.00%	0.15%	0.58%	0.06%	0.31%	0.39%	0.00%	0.01%	0.02%	0.25%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
	TCH congestion	≤ 2%	One Month	0.00%	0.05%	1.98%	0.70%	1.09%	0.30%	0.02%	0.02%	0.18%	0.58%	0.00%	0.04%	0.01%
3 Connection Maintainability (Retain ability)																
3	Call Drop Rate	≤ 2%	One Month	0.70%	0.22%	0.63%	1.00%	0.58%	0.22%	0.15%	0.55%	0.25%	0.50%	0.03%	0.63%	0.54%
	Worst affected cells having more than 3% TCH drop (call drop) rate	≤ 3%	One Month	2.62%	0.77%	1.82%	0.10%	1.54%	1.42%	0.08%	3.86%	2.86%	0.58%	0.17%	8.35%	2.82%
	% of Connections with good voice quality	≥ 95%	One Month	98.99%	99.73%	99.88%	99.87%	95.01%	98.63%	99.30%	98.26%	99.82%	97.53%	99.74%	99.13%	99.18%
	Point of Interconnections (POI) congestion (on individual POI)	≤ 0.5%	One Month	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

Finding & Critical Analysis:

From the month Data Assessment, it is found that TATA (2G & CDMA) are not meeting the benchmark for worst affected cells having more than 3% TCH drop (call drop) rate.

3.1.2 Kerala Circle (May'14):

Verification of the Performance of Service Providers against the Quality of Service benchmarks laid down by TRAI using the data for the entire month during which the live measurement is carried out.

Kerala Circle (May'14)																
Month PMR Generation Data		Benchmark	Audit Period	Aircel	Airtel	BSNL 2G	BSNL 3G	IDEA	IDEA 3G	Reliance	TATA 2G	TATA 3G	Vodafone	Reliance	TATA	MTS
S/N	Name of Parameter			GSM Operators										CDMA		
Network Service Quality Parameter																
1 Network Availability																
1	BTS accumulated downtime	≤ 2%	One Month	0.77%	0.06%	1.17%	1.01%	0.54%	0.10%	0.19%	0.02%	1.47%	0.05%	0.27%	0.01%	0.11%
	Worst affected BTS due to downtime	≤ 2%	One Month	1.28%	0.00%	0.02%	0.01%	1.92%	0.10%	0.09%	0.00%	0.00%	0.21%	0.25%	0.00%	0.01%
2 Connection establishment (Accessibility)																
2	Call Setup Success Rate	≥ 95%	One Month	99.89%	99.78%	98.03%	97.71%	99.93%	98.56%	99.75%	98.97%	99.33%	99.37%	99.17%	98.79%	99.58%
	SDCCH/ Paging Channel Congestion	≤ 1%	One Month	0.00%	0.09%	0.60%	0.09%	0.26%	0.67%	0.01%	0.01%	0.07%	0.12%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
	TCH congestion	≤ 2%	One Month	0.00%	0.05%	1.97%	0.91%	1.28%	0.46%	0.02%	0.02%	0.16%	0.63%	0.00%	0.05%	0.02%
3 Connection Maintainability (Retain ability)																
3	Call Drop Rate	≤ 2%	One Month	0.83%	0.24%	0.66%	1.07%	0.65%	0.24%	0.17%	0.60%	0.26%	0.63%	0.05%	0.63%	0.60%
	Worst affected cells having more than 3% TCH drop (call drop) rate	≤ 3%	One Month	2.92%	0.71%	2.09%	0.10%	1.92%	1.66%	0.03%	4.24%	2.70%	0.68%	0.14%	8.08%	2.96%
	% of Connections with good voice quality	≥ 95%	One Month	98.71%	99.74%	99.86%	99.87%	95.16%	98.43%	99.23%	98.16%	99.82%	97.35%	99.73%	99.13%	99.16%
	Point of Interconnections (POI) congestion (on individual POI)	≤ 0.5%	One Month	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

Finding & Critical Analysis:

- From the month Data Assessment, it is found that TATA (2G & CDMA) are not meeting the benchmark for worst affected cells having more than 3% TCH drop (call drop) rate.

3.1.3 Kerala Circle (June'14):

Verification of the Performance of Service Providers against the Quality of Service benchmarks laid down by TRAI using the data for the entire month during which the live measurement is carried out.

Kerala Circle (June'14)																
Month PMR Generation Data		Bench mark	Audit Period	Aircel	Airtel	BSNL 2G	BSNL 3G	IDEA	IDEA 3G	Reliance	TATA 2G	TATA 3G	Vodafone	Reliance	TATA	MTS
S/N	Name of Parameter			GSM Operators										CDMA		
Network Service Quality Parameter																
1	Network Availability															
	BTS accumulated downtime	≤ 2%	One Month	0.35%	0.08%	1.01%	0.75%	0.99%	0.11%	0.05%	0.01%	0.94%	0.09%	0.24%	0.01%	0.11%
	Worst affected BTS due to downtime	≤ 2%	One Month	1.28%	0.00%	0.61%	0.36%	1.28%	0.20%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.62%	0.00%	0.00%	0.04%
2	Connection establishment (Accessibility)															
	Call Setup Success Rate	≥ 95%	One Month	99.88%	99.82%	98.01%	97.82%	99.94%	99.33%	99.71%	98.92%	99.33%	99.42%	99.13%	99.88%	99.57%
	SDCCH/ Paging Channel Congestion	≤ 1%	One Month	0.00%	0.04%	0.71%	0.10%	0.22%	0.30%	0.01%	0.01%	0.06%	0.09%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
	TCH congestion	≤ 2%	One Month	0.00%	0.06%	1.99%	0.73%	1.26%	0.38%	0.04%	0.04%	0.08%	0.58%	0.00%	0.05%	0.02%
3	Connection Maintainability (Retain ability)															
	Call Drop Rate	≤ 2%	One Month	0.68%	0.27%	0.71%	1.26%	0.69%	0.26%	0.21%	0.68%	0.28%	0.67%	0.07%	0.68%	0.67%
	Worst affected cells having more than 3% TCH drop (call drop) rate	≤ 3%	One Month	2.55%	0.83%	2.66%	0.12%	2.16%	1.91%	0.08%	4.92%	2.86%	2.23%	0.22%	8.55%	2.95%
	% of Connections with good voice quality	≥ 95%	One Month	98.64%	99.71%	99.81%	99.89%	95.28%	98.23%	99.13%	98.02%	99.82%	97.31%	99.70%	99.13%	99.16%
	Point of Interconnections (POI) congestion (on individual POI)	≤ 0.5%	One Month	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

Finding & Critical Analysis:

- TATA (2G & CDMA) Operators are not meeting the benchmark for **worst affected cells having more than 3% TCH drop (call drop) rate in Kerala Circles** for the month of June'14.

3.1.4 PMR Summarized Data Results in Table Kerala Circle (April-June'14):

Kerala Circle (April-June'14)																
Month PMR Generation Data		Bench mark	Audit Period	Aircel	Airtel	BSNL 2G	BSNL 3G	IDEA	IDEA 3G	Reliance	TATA 2G	TATA 3G	Vodafone	Reliance	TATA	MTS
S/N	Name of Parameter			GSM Operators										CDMA		
Network Service Quality Parameter																
1	Network Availability															
	BTS accumulated downtime	≤ 2%	One Qtr	0.45%	0.06%	1.09%	0.81%	0.59%	0.10%	0.11%	0.02%	1.20%	0.06%	0.22%	0.02%	0.10%
	Worst affected BTS due to downtime	≤ 2%	One Qtr	1.28%	0.02%	0.21%	0.71%	1.51%	0.11%	0.03%	0.00%	0.00%	0.32%	0.08%	0.00%	0.02%
2	Connection establishment (Accessibility)															
	Call Setup Success Rate	≥ 95%	One Qtr	99.89%	99.78%	98.02%	97.88%	99.87%	98.92%	99.75%	98.89%	99.46%	99.40%	99.19%	99.15%	99.59%
	SDCCH/ Paging Channel Congestion	≤ 1%	One Qtr	0.00%	0.09%	0.63%	0.08%	0.26%	0.45%	0.01%	0.01%	0.05%	0.15%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
	TCH congestion	≤ 2%	One Qtr	0.00%	0.05%	1.98%	0.78%	1.21%	0.38%	0.03%	0.03%	0.14%	0.60%	0.00%	0.05%	0.01%
3	Connection Maintainability (Retain ability)															
	Call Drop Rate	≤ 2%	One Qtr	0.74%	0.24%	0.67%	1.11%	0.64%	0.24%	0.18%	0.61%	0.27%	0.60%	0.05%	0.65%	0.60%
	Worst affected cells having more than 3% TCH drop (call drop) rate	≤ 3%	One Qtr	2.70%	0.77%	2.19%	0.11%	1.87%	1.67%	0.06%	4.34%	2.81%	1.16%	0.17%	8.33%	2.91%
	% of Connections with good voice quality	≥ 95%	One Qtr	98.78%	99.73%	99.85%	99.88%	95.15%	98.43%	99.22%	98.15%	99.82%	97.40%	99.72%	99.13%	99.17%
	Point of Interconnections (POI) congestion (on individual POI)	≤ 0.5%	One Qtr	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

Finding & Critical Analysis:-

- According to the summarized data for the month of April, May and June we found that only TATA (2G & CDMA) are not meeting the benchmark for **worst affected cells having more than 3% TCH drop (call drop) rate.**

3.1.5 Comparison between the data given by TRAI and the data collected by Audit Agency

S.N	Parameter name	Bench mark	Audit	Avg. period	Aircel	Airtel	BSNL 2G	IDEA	Reliance	TATA 2G	Vodafone	Reliance	TATA	MTS	BSNL 3G	Idea 3G	Tata 3G
Network Availability																	
1	BTS accumulated downtime	≤ 2%	Report	One Qtr	0.45%	0.06%	1.03%	0.61%	0.11%	0.02%	0.06%	0.22%	0.03%	0.10%	0.84%	0.10%	0.40%
			Verified		0.45%	0.06%	1.09%	0.59%	0.11%	0.02%	0.06%	0.22%	0.02%	0.10%	0.81%	0.10%	1.20%
2	Worst affected BTS due to downtime	≤ 2%	Report	One Qtr	1.28%	0.02%	1.23%	1.51%	0.03%	0.00%	0.32%	0.08%	0.00%	0.02%	0.74%	0.11%	0.00%
			Verified		1.28%	0.02%	0.21%	1.51%	0.03%	0.00%	0.32%	0.08%	0.00%	0.02%	0.71%	0.11%	0.00%
Connection establishment (Accessibility)																	
3	Call Setup Success Rate	≥ 95%	Report	One Qtr	99.89%	99.78%	98.00%	99.95%	99.75%	98.94%	99.40%	99.19%	98.78%	99.59%	97.90%	98.92%	99.36%
			Verified		99.89%	99.78%	98.02%	99.87%	99.75%	98.89%	99.40%	99.19%	99.15%	99.59%	97.88%	98.92%	99.46%
	SDCCH/ Paging Channel Congestion	≤ 1%	Report	One Qtr	0.00%	0.09%	0.63%	0.26%	0.01%	0.01%	0.15%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.10%	0.45%	0.05%
			Verified		0.00%	0.09%	0.63%	0.26%	0.01%	0.01%	0.15%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.08%	0.45%	0.05%
5	TCH congestion	≤ 2%	Report	One Qtr	0.00%	0.05%	2.00%	1.21%	0.03%	0.03%	0.60%	0.00%	0.05%	0.01%	0.77%	0.38%	0.14%
			Verified		0.00%	0.05%	1.98%	1.21%	0.03%	0.03%	0.60%	0.00%	0.05%	0.01%	0.78%	0.38%	0.14%
Connection Maintainability (Retain ability)																	
6	Call Drop Rate	≤ 2%	Report	One Qtr	0.74%	0.24%	0.67%	0.64%	0.18%	0.61%	0.60%	0.05%	0.65%	0.60%	1.12%	0.24%	0.27%
			Verified		0.74%	0.24%	0.67%	0.64%	0.18%	0.61%	0.60%	0.05%	0.65%	0.60%	1.11%	0.24%	0.27%
7	Worst affected cells having more than 3% TCH drop (call drop) rate	≤ 3%	Report	One Qtr	2.70%	0.77%	2.20%	1.87%	0.06%	0.66%	1.62%	0.17%	0.95%	2.91%	0.10%	1.67%	0.13%
			Verified		2.70%	0.77%	2.19%	1.87%	0.06%	4.34%	1.16%	0.17%	8.33%	2.91%	0.11%	1.67%	2.81%
8	% of Connections with good voice quality	≥ 95%	Report	One Qtr	98.78%	99.73%	99.87%	95.16%	99.22%	98.15%	97.40%	99.72%	99.13%	99.17%	99.89%	98.43%	99.82%
			Verified		98.78%	99.73%	99.85%	95.15%	99.22%	98.15%	97.40%	99.72%	99.13%	99.17%	99.88%	98.43%	99.82%
9	Point of Interconnections (POI) congestion (on individual POI)	≤ 0.5%	Report	One Qtr	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
			Verified		0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

Findings:-

According to the data given by TRAI and data collected by agency, there are differences in TATA 2G, we have taken the up to 1st decimal value of the data in decimal part. The difference data are shown in highlights.

3.1.6 Comparison between the PMR & 3 Day Live data (Avg. of 3month) for Quarter April – June'14

The comparison has been done after averaging the data of 3months for both PMR (April- June) and Live test of 3days (Avg. of 3 days).

We have taken the data for comparison between PMR and Live test up to 1st decimal value except the benchmark $\geq 95\%$ in this we taken before decimal value.

Comparison of PMR & Live Data April- June'14		Bench mark	Audit Period	Aircel	Airtel	BSNL 2G	BSNL 3G	IDEA	IDEA 3G	Relianc e	TATA 2G	TATA 3G	Vodafo ne	Relianc e	TATA	MTS
S/N	Name of Parameter			GSM Operators										CDMA		
Network Service Quality Parameter																
Network Availability																
1	BTS accumulated downtime	$\leq 2\%$	PMR	0.45%	0.06%	1.09%	0.81%	0.59%	0.10%	0.11%	0.02%	1.20%	0.06%	0.22%	0.02%	0.10%
			Live	0.59%	0.05%	0.99%	0.16%	0.43%	0.12%	0.41%	0.01%	0.02%	0.02%	0.02%	0.96%	0.00%
	Worst affected BTS due to downtime	$\leq 2\%$	PMR	1.28%	0.02%	0.21%	0.71%	1.51%	0.11%	0.03%	0.00%	0.00%	0.32%	0.08%	0.00%	0.02%
			Live	0.00%	0.00%	0.02%	0.01%	0.27%	0.00%	0.33%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.71%	0.00%
Connection establishment (Accessibility)																
2	Call Setup Success Rate	$\geq 95\%$	PMR	99.89%	99.78%	98.02%	97.88%	99.87%	98.92%	99.75%	98.89%	99.46%	99.40%	99.19%	99.15%	99.59%
			Live	99.67%	99.83%	98.66%	98.32%	99.93%	98.98%	99.74%	98.98%	99.51%	99.23%	99.26%	99.01%	99.64%
	SDCCH/ Paging Channel Congestion	$\leq 1\%$	PMR	0.00%	0.09%	0.63%	0.08%	0.26%	0.45%	0.01%	0.01%	0.05%	0.15%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
			Live	0.00%	0.05%	0.74%	0.77%	0.13%	0.27%	0.00%	0.02%	0.04%	0.10%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
	TCH congestion	$\leq 2\%$	PMR	0.00%	0.05%	1.98%	0.78%	1.21%	0.38%	0.03%	0.03%	0.14%	0.60%	0.00%	0.05%	0.01%
			Live	0.00%	0.05%	1.34%	1.45%	1.23%	0.34%	0.03%	0.01%	0.04%	0.77%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Connection Maintainability (Retain ability)																
Call Drop Rate	$\leq 2\%$	PMR	0.74%	0.24%	0.67%	1.11%	0.64%	0.24%	0.18%	0.61%	0.27%	0.60%	0.05%	0.65%	0.60%	
		Live	0.79%	0.22%	0.51%	0.46%	1.78%	0.26%	0.15%	0.60%	0.24%	0.63%	0.04%	0.62%	0.52%	
Worst affected cells having more than 3% TCH drop (call drop) rate	$\leq 3\%$	PMR	2.70%	0.77%	2.19%	0.11%	1.87%	1.67%	0.06%	4.34%	2.81%	1.16%	0.17%	8.33%	2.91%	
		Live	3.11%	0.68%	2.51%	2.62%	0.84%	1.68%	0.00%	4.30%	3.29%	1.93%	0.06%	8.77%	2.66%	
% of Connections with good voice quality	$\geq 95\%$	PMR	98.78%	99.73%	99.85%	99.88%	95.15%	98.43%	99.22%	98.15%	99.82%	97.40%	99.72%	99.13%	99.17%	
		Live	99.14%	99.73%	99.69%	98.46%	95.17%	98.39%	99.22%	98.66%	99.83%	97.30%	99.72%	99.13%	99.18%	
Point of Interconnections (POI) congestion (on individual POI)	$\leq 0.5\%$	PMR	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	
		Live	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	

Findings –

- There are difference in BTS accumulated downtime in BSNL (2G & 3G), Aircel, Idea2G, TATA 3G, Reliance (GSM &CDMA) and MTS and in Worst affected BTS due to downtime there are difference in Idea, Aircel, BSNL (2G& 3G), Rcom (GSM & CDMA) and Vodafone.
- There are difference in Call Setup Success Rate in Vodafone, Aircel, BSNL (2G& 3G) and TATA, in SDCCH/ Paging Channel Congestion and TCH congestion Idea (2G &3G) & BSNL (2G & 3G) and in TCH congestion BSNL (2G & 3G), TATA 3G and Vodafone has also differences.
- In Call Drop Rate BSNL (2G & 3G), Idea 2G & MTS and in Worst affected cells having more than 3% TCH drop (call drop) rate all the operators have differences except Idea 2G, Reliance GSM, TATA 2G and MTS, however the major differences are in TATA and BSNL 3G & Aircel and in % of Connections with good voice quality Aircel, BSNL(2G&3G), Idea 3G, TATA 2G and Vodafone have differences.

3.1.7 Comparison between the PMR Data of Q3 and Q4 (Avg. of 3month) for Quarter Jan- March & April- June'14

Comparison of PMR & Live Data April- June'14		Bench mark	Audit Period	Aircel	Airtel	BSNL 2G	BSNL 3G	IDEA	IDEA 3G	Relianc e	TATA 2G	TATA 3G	Vodafo ne	Relianc e	TATA	MTS
S/N	Name of Parameter			GSM Operators										CDMA		
Network Service Quality Parameter																
Network Availability																
1	BTS accumulated downtime	≤ 2%	Qtr 3	0.46%	0.02%	0.22%	0.30%	0.05%	0.04%	0.05%	0.02%	1.01%	0.01%	0.06%	0.01%	0.04%
			Qtr 4	0.45%	0.06%	1.09%	0.81%	0.59%	0.10%	0.11%	0.02%	1.20%	0.06%	0.22%	0.02%	0.10%
	Worst affected BTS due to downtime	≤ 2%	Qtr 3	0.00%	0.01%	0.00%	1.57%	0.18%	0.01%	0.00%	0.01%	0.00%	0.01%	0.03%	0.00%	0.00%
			Qtr 4	1.28%	0.02%	0.21%	0.71%	1.51%	0.11%	0.03%	0.00%	0.00%	0.32%	0.08%	0.00%	0.02%
Connection establishment (Accessibility)																
2	Call Setup Success Rate	≥ 95%	Qtr 3	99.90%	99.76%	98.02%	98.05%	99.89%	99.29%	99.75%	99.17%	99.59%	99.34%	99.39%	98.96%	99.63%
			Qtr 4	99.89%	99.78%	98.02%	97.88%	99.87%	98.92%	99.75%	98.89%	99.46%	99.40%	99.19%	99.15%	99.59%
	SDCCH/ Paging Channel Congestion	≤ 1%	Qtr 3	0.00%	0.10%	0.38%	0.11%	0.34%	0.76%	0.02%	0.01%	0.02%	0.19%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
			Qtr 4	0.00%	0.09%	0.63%	0.08%	0.26%	0.45%	0.01%	0.01%	0.05%	0.15%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
	TCH congestion	≤ 2%	Qtr 3	0.00%	0.08%	1.98%	1.46%	0.65%	0.53%	0.08%	0.03%	0.09%	0.82%	0.00%	0.03%	0.03%
			Qtr 4	0.00%	0.05%	1.98%	0.78%	1.21%	0.38%	0.03%	0.03%	0.14%	0.60%	0.00%	0.05%	0.01%
Connection Maintainability (Retain ability)																
	Call Drop Rate	≤ 2%	Qtr 3	0.86%	0.22%	0.61%	0.95%	0.49%	0.26%	0.19%	0.49%	0.36%	0.54%	0.02%	0.64%	0.54%
			Qtr 4	0.74%	0.24%	0.67%	1.11%	0.64%	0.24%	0.18%	0.61%	0.27%	0.60%	0.05%	0.65%	0.60%
	Worst affected cells having more than 3% TCH drop (call drop) rate	≤ 3%	Qtr 3	8.78%	0.71%	1.01%	0.09%	1.35%	1.78%	0.05%	0.73%	0.96%	0.52%	0.11%	1.70%	2.38%
			Qtr 4	2.70%	0.77%	2.19%	0.11%	1.87%	1.67%	0.06%	4.34%	2.81%	1.16%	0.17%	8.33%	2.91%
	% of Connections with good voice quality	≥ 95%	Qtr 3	98.85%	99.72%	99.89%	99.87%	95.79%	98.68%	99.24%	98.39%	99.66%	97.51%	99.75%	99.13%	98.62%
			Qtr 4	98.78%	99.73%	99.85%	99.88%	95.15%	98.43%	99.22%	98.15%	99.82%	97.40%	99.72%	99.13%	99.17%
	Point of Interconnections (POI) congestion (on individual POI)	≤ 0.5%	Qtr 3	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
			Qtr 4	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

Findings:-

According to the summarized data of quarter3 and quarter4 we found that there are major differences in Aircel 2G, TATA (2G & CDMA) for the parameter worst affected cells having more than 3% TCH drop (call drop) rate.

3.2 3 Days Live Test Audit Report (4th Quarter), Kerala Circle:

Verification of the Performance of Service Providers against the Quality of Service benchmarks laid down by TRAI using Live measurements for 3 days during the month in which the Audit and Assessment is carried out.

KERALA CIRCLE-QUARTER-4 -2014 (April- June)																
Live Test Generation Data		Bench-mark	Audit Period	AIRCEL	AIRTEL	BSNL	IDEA	VODAFONE	TATA	RCOM	MTS	RCOM	TATA	TATA	BSNL	IDEA
S/N	Name of Parameter			GSM Operators						CDMA Operators			WCDMA Operators			
Network Service Quality Parameters																
Network Availability																
1	a) BTS Accumulated Downtime	<=2%	Day 1	0.96%	0.04%	0.82%	0.34%	0.01%	0.02%	0.18%	0.01%	1.39%	0.00%	0.02%	0.14%	0.08%
			Day 2	0.51%	0.06%	1.18%	0.54%	0.02%	0.01%	0.23%	0.05%	0.66%	0.00%	0.00%	0.18%	0.15%
			Day 3	0.31%	0.05%	0.96%	0.41%	0.02%	0.01%	0.81%	0.13%	0.82%	0.00%	0.04%	0.16%	0.14%
	b) Worst affected BTSs due to downtime	<=2%	Day 1	0.00%	0.00%	0.01%	0.25%	0.00%	0.00%	0.11%	0.00%	1.19%	0.00%	0.00%	0.01%	0.00%
			Day 2	0.00%	0.00%	0.02%	0.31%	0.00%	0.00%	0.14%	0.08%	0.40%	0.00%	0.00%	0.02%	0.00%
			Day 3	0.00%	0.00%	0.04%	0.25%	0.00%	0.00%	0.74%	0.09%	0.55%	0.00%	0.00%	0.01%	0.00%
Connection Establishment (Accessibility)																
2	a) CSSR (Call Setup Success Rate)	>=95%	Day 1	100.00%	99.80%	98.62%	99.96%	99.16%	98.96%	99.74%	99.64%	99.23%	98.99%	99.45%	98.31%	98.56%
			Day 2	99.00%	99.84%	98.53%	99.91%	99.18%	98.96%	99.74%	99.64%	99.25%	99.05%	99.55%	98.49%	98.89%
			Day 3	100.00%	99.84%	98.83%	99.92%	99.35%	99.02%	99.75%	99.64%	99.30%	98.99%	99.53%	98.17%	99.50%
	b) SDCCH/PAGING Channel congestion	<=1%	Day 1	0.00%	0.08%	0.36%	0.14%	0.09%	0.05%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.05%	0.69%	0.38%
			Day 2	0.00%	0.04%	0.92%	0.14%	0.15%	0.01%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.04%	0.78%	0.13%
			Day 3	0.00%	0.04%	0.93%	0.10%	0.05%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.03%	0.83%	0.29%
	c) TCH congestion	<=2%	Day 1	0.00%	0.05%	1.38%	1.24%	0.84%	0.02%	0.03%	0.00%	0.00%	0.01%	0.06%	1.35%	0.54%
			Day 2	0.00%	0.04%	1.47%	1.20%	0.82%	0.01%	0.03%	0.01%	0.00%	0.00%	0.03%	1.46%	0.17%
			Day 3	0.00%	0.05%	1.17%	1.26%	0.65%	0.00%	0.02%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.04%	1.53%	0.30%
Connection maintenance (Retainability)																
3	a) CDR (Call Drop Rate)	<=2%	Day 1	0.00%	0.21%	0.51%	1.73%	0.62%	0.61%	0.16%	0.54%	0.03%	0.64%	0.28%	0.45%	0.28%
			Day 2	2.02%	0.22%	0.52%	1.67%	0.66%	0.60%	0.15%	0.56%	0.04%	0.58%	0.24%	0.49%	0.23%
			Day 3	0.35%	0.24%	0.49%	1.93%	0.60%	0.59%	0.15%	0.46%	0.05%	0.63%	0.20%	0.43%	0.28%
	b) Worst affected cells>3% TCH drop (Call drop) rate	<=3%	Day 1	3.81%	0.70%	2.54%	0.86%	1.91%	4.43%	0.00%	2.84%	0.03%	9.40%	3.66%	2.45%	1.91%
			Day 2	2.12%	0.66%	2.67%	0.73%	2.05%	4.23%	0.00%	2.89%	0.06%	9.10%	3.42%	2.87%	1.61%
			Day 3	3.39%	0.68%	2.33%	0.92%	1.84%	4.24%	0.00%	2.26%	0.08%	7.80%	2.78%	2.53%	1.52%
	c) Connections with good voice quality	>=95%	Day 1	98.87%	99.73%	99.67%	95.37%	97.30%	98.63%	99.18%	99.18%	99.73%	99.17%	99.83%	98.38%	98.41%
			Day 2	99.09%	99.73%	99.63%	95.02%	97.26%	98.67%	99.21%	99.18%	99.71%	99.05%	99.83%	98.56%	98.39%
			Day 3	99.46%	99.74%	99.78%	95.12%	97.34%	98.69%	99.27%	99.17%	99.73%	99.16%	99.82%	98.45%	98.37%
4	No. of POI's having >=0.5% POI congestion	<=0.5%	Day 1	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	
			Day 2	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	
			Day 3	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	

Finding & Critical Analysis:

- TATA (2G & CDMA) is not meeting the benchmark for **worst affected cells having more than 3% TCH drop (call drop) rate** for all the 3 Days and TATA 3G for Day1 & Day2.
- Aircel is not meeting the benchmark for **worst affected cells having more than 3% TCH drop (call drop) rate** for Day1 & Day3 and **call drop rate ($\leq 2\%$)** for Day2.

3.3 Operator Assisted Drive Test (Kerala Circle):

The Operator Assisted Drive Test was conducted for all the Operators. Route covered was about 100 Km depending on city areas within the speed limit of 30-40 km/hour. In all the cities Zones were selected for covering different density areas (High/Medium/Low).

Drive Test Measurements												
S N	Parameter	City Name	GSM Operators							CDMA Operators		
			Airtel	Idea	Vodafone	BSNL	Aircel	Rcom GSM	TATA GSM	Rcom CDMA	TATA CDMA	MTS
1.1	Call Attempts	Lakshadweep	88	NP	NP	111	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP
		Thrissur	595	549	556	587	NP	604	528	608	534	541
		Ernakulum	852	832	862	830	32	805	791	814	811	871
1.2	Blocked Call Rate (<=3%)	Lakshadweep	0.00%	NP	NP	0.67%	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP
		Thrissur	0.67%	0.91%	0.40%	0.85%	NP	2.65%	0.00%	0.16%	0.00%	0.37%
		Ernakulum	0.93%	0.96%	0.70%	1.45%	0.00%	1.12%	0.00%	0.49%	0.00%	0.65%
1.3	Dropped Call Rate (<=2%)	Lakshadweep	0.00%	NP	NP	0.00%	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP
		Thrissur	0.51%	1.11%	0.59%	1.02%	NP	0.99%	0.94%	0.33%	0.75%	0.56%
		Ernakulum	0.94%	0.61%	0.28%	1.45%	0.00%	1.03%	0.63%	1.85%	2.45%	0.26%
Percentage of connections with good voice quality (=>95%)												
1.4	(i) 0-4 (w/o frequency hopping)	Lakshadweep	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NP	NP	NP
		Thrissur	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.00%	96.30%	97.93%
		Ernakulum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	98.87%	93.29%	97.36%
	(ii) 0-5 (with frequency hopping)	Lakshadweep	99.61%	NP	NP	95.81%	NP	NP	NP	-	-	-
		Thrissur	98.65%	89.35%	93.57%	96.73%	NP	92.68%	97.25%	-	-	-
		Ernakulum	98.55%	88.09%	91.68%	93.51%	95.00%	95.52%	96.64%	-	-	-
Service Coverage												
1.5	In door (>= 75dBm)	Lakshadweep	51.06%	NP	NP	31.38%	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP
		Thrissur	34.68%	30.47%	73.32%	28.10%	NP	67.32%	57.81%	37.00%	76.37%	32.93%
		Ernakulum	44.54%	44.86%	83.72%	69.50%	58.00%	58.43%	62.71%	55.20%	32.18%	36.81%
	In-vehicle (>= -85dBm)	Lakshadweep	70.03%	NP	NP	68.80%	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP
		Thrissur	73.55%	75.51%	93.94%	58.27%	NP	76.29%	78.35%	75.00%	92.36%	68.53%
		Ernakulum	78.84%	85.12%	98.00%	89.74%	88.00%	81.52%	84.44%	82.29%	57.54%	70.79%
	Outdoor- in city (>= -95dBm)	Lakshadweep	90.86%	NP	NP	91.22%	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP
		Thrissur	95.92%	97.90%	99.65%	85.27%	NP	94.22%	95.99%	97.00%	99.62%	92.08%
		Ernakulum	96.00%	99.48%	99.99%	98.63%	99.00%	94.22%	96.45%	96.35%	79.49%	92.98%
1.6	Call Setup Success Rate (>=95%)	Lakshadweep	100.00%	NP	NP	66.50%	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP
		Thrissur	99.33%	99.09%	99.60%	99.15%	NP	99.97%	100.00%	99.99%	100.00%	99.63%
		Ernakulum	99.07%	98.92%	99.30%	98.55%	99.00%	98.73%	100.00%	99.39%	97.55%	99.35%
1.7	Hand Over Success Rate (HOSR)	Lakshadweep	100.00%	NP	NP	85.20%	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP
		Thrissur	99.32%	99.57%	99.38%	99.59%	NP	99.38%	99.66%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
		Ernakulum	99.12%	98.99%	98.08%	97.25%	100.00%	99.35%	99.17%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
1.8	Km's driven	Lakshadweep	85									
		Thrissur	320									
		Ernakulum	508									

Finding & Critical Analysis:

- Aircel not participated in Drive Test audit in Lakshadweep and Thrissur.
- In Lakshadweep only BSNL and Airtel participated.
- TATA CDMA failed to achieve Dropped Call KPI benchmark in Ernakulum.
- TATA CDMA failed to achieve voice quality parameter for 0-4 (w/o frequency hopping) in Ernakulum.
- IDEA, Vodafone and Rcom GSM failed to achieve benchmark the Voice Quality parameter (0-5 (with frequency hopping)) in Thrissur.
- IDEA, Vodafone and BSNL failed to achieve the benchmark voice quality parameter for 0-5 (with frequency hopping) in Ernakulum.
- BSNL is not meeting the benchmark for Call Setup Success Rate ($\geq 95\%$) in Lakshadweep.

3.4 Independent Drive Test: The Independent Drive Test was conducted for four Operators. Route covered was about 100 Km depending on city areas within the speed limit of 30-40 km/hr. In all the cities Zones were selected for covering different density areas (High/Medium/Low).

Independent Drive Test Measurements											
Parameter								Service Coverage			
City Name		Call Attempts	Blocked Call Rate <=3%	Dropped Call Rate <=2%	Call Setup Success Rate (>=95%)	Hand Over Success Rate >=98%	RX Quality DL%	In door (>= -75dBm)	In-vehicle (>= -85dBm)	Outdoor- in city (>= -95dBm)	Km's driven
Ernakulum	Idea	135	1.48%	1.52%	98.52%	99.00%	87.06%	69.93%	96.66%	99.91%	128
	Vodafone	134	0.75%	0.76%	99.25%	98.72%	91.36%	77.16%	97.81%	99.92%	
	BSNL	136	3.68%	3.01%	96.32%	94.74%	89.22%	71.36%	97.53%	99.90%	
	Airtel	135	1.48%	0.00%	98.52%	95.28%	95.59%	64.13%	96.52%	99.86%	
Chalakydy	Idea	132	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	99.50%	88.63%	45.89%	91.88%	99.97%	124
	Vodafone	114	0.88%	2.73%	99.12%	98.41%	92.69%	66.98%	96.51%	99.87%	
	BSNL	125	1.60%	0.00%	98.40%	100.00%	94.15%	69.35%	94.82%	99.86%	
	Airtel	127	0.00%	1.60%	100.00%	95.76%	95.60%	56.81%	92.91%	99.24%	
Malappuram	Idea	94	0.00%	1.10%	100.00%	98.54%	84.72%	55.20%	96.25%	99.96%	117
	Vodafone	102	2.94%	8.89%	97.06%	99.08%	88.60%	62.09%	93.46%	99.81%	
	BSNL	89	3.37%	12.05%	96.63%	93.51%	88.25%	39.55%	82.32%	99.32%	
	Airtel	94	0.00%	1.09%	100.00%	99.07%	95.21%	55.86%	91.82%	99.82%	
Cherthala	Idea	97	0.00%	1.05%	100.00%	99.46%	92.07%	54.18%	93.33%	99.92%	121
	Vodafone	96	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	100.00%	92.76%	57.28%	95.35%	99.95%	
	BSNL	97	10.31%	1.18%	89.69%	96.72%	91.29%	42.43%	88.88%	99.57%	
	TATA GSM	99	2.02%	1.05%	97.98%	99.10%	94.94%	57.17%	85.87%	97.55%	
Ottappalam	Idea	93	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	99.43%	87.55%	53.78%	93.51%	99.91%	115
	Vodafone	98	3.06%	6.74%	96.94%	99.00%	90.73%	66.85%	94.11%	99.83%	
	BSNL	93	7.53%	1.18%	92.47%	96.27%	95.06%	77.23%	97.86%	100.00%	
	Airtel	93	0.00%	1.09%	100.00%	100.00%	96.09%	69.84%	90.68%	98.96%	
Kanhngad	Idea	93	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	99.25%	85.09%	40.76%	89.81%	99.79%	118
	Vodafone	99	4.04%	5.49%	95.96%	97.81%	90.11%	58.49%	94.95%	99.93%	
	BSNL	97	2.06%	4.44%	97.94%	99.32%	90.83%	61.63%	96.53%	99.76%	
	Airtel	95	4.21%	3.30%	95.79%	100.00%	95.12%	27.83%	69.36%	96.08%	
Kasargod	Idea	138	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	100.00%	91.22%	62.13%	96.18%	100.00%	120
	Vodafone	139	0.72%	0.74%	99.28%	98.19%	93.30%	66.03%	96.70%	99.99%	
	BSNL	145	3.45%	2.29%	96.55%	97.24%	90.88%	68.41%	95.91%	99.93%	
	Airtel	131	3.82%	1.60%	96.18%	99.47%	96.05%	50.88%	78.57%	95.56%	
Chaganasser y	Idea	101	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	99.25%	85.91%	55.44%	96.38%	99.95%	118
	Vodafone	88	1.14%	1.43%	98.86%	98.61%	92.54%	67.98%	98.05%	99.95%	
	BSNL	110	12.73%	4.44%	87.27%	98.95%	91.03%	54.96%	91.48%	99.27%	
	Airtel	101	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	99.13%	96.70%	76.75%	96.86%	99.77%	
Adoor	Idea	90	1.11%	1.15%	98.89%	98.40%	89.04%	45.06%	90.29%	99.71%	114
	Vodafone	90	0.00%	1.14%	100.00%	98.11%	90.78%	67.33%	97.05%	99.93%	
	BSNL	85	10.59%	17.57%	89.41%	72.95%	78.60%	79.12%	97.36%	98.66%	
	Airtel	87	0.00%	2.35%	100.00%	100.00%	95.52%	60.35%	86.15%	97.05%	
Kayamkula m	Idea	100	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	99.59%	88.40%	47.87%	93.04%	99.97%	121
	Vodafone	101	0.00%	1.00%	100.00%	100.00%	92.04%	57.83%	96.65%	99.92%	
	BSNL	107	3.74%	6.74%	96.26%	94.85%	89.04%	64.09%	96.48%	99.29%	
	Airtel	100	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	97.74%	95.50%	56.44%	91.27%	99.46%	

Findings & Critical Analysis:

- BSNL in Ernakulum, Malappuram, Cherthala, Ottappalam, Chaganassery, Adoor and Kayamkulam, Vodafone & Airtel in Kanhangad, BSNL & Airtel in Kasargod, Vodafone in Ottappalam are meeting not the benchmark for Blocked Call Rate $\leq 3\%$.
- BSNL in Ernakulum & Kayamkulam, Vodafone in Chalakudy, Ottappalam, BSNL, Airtel & Vodafone in Kanhangad, BSNL in Kasargod & Chaganassery, Vodafone & BSNL in Malappuram and BSNL & Airtel in Adoor are not meeting the benchmark for Dropped Call Rate $\leq 2\%$.
- Only BSNL in Cherthala, Ottappalam, Chaganassery and Adoor is not meeting the benchmark for Call Setup Success Rate ($\geq 95\%$).
- BSNL & Airtel in Ernakulum & Kayamkulam, Airtel in Chalakudy, Vodafone in Kanhangad, BSNL in Kasargod, Cherthala, Ottappalam, Chaganassery and Adoor are not meeting the benchmark for Hand over Success Rate $\geq 98\%$.
- Idea, Vodafone & BSNL in Ernakulum, Malappuram, Cherthala, Chalakudy, Kanhangad, Kasargod, Adoor, Kayamkulam and Chaganassery, Idea & Vodafone in Ottappalam and TATA GSM in Cherthala are not meeting the benchmark for Voice Quality Parameters $\geq 95\%$.

3.5 Basic Telephone Service (Wireline) Providers

Basic Wire-line Summarized Quarterly Data Audit of Kerala Circle (Jan-March'14):

Wire-line _ KERALA-Jan-March'14						
S/N	Parameters	Benchmarks	BSNL	AIRTEL	TATA	RCOM
1	Fault incidences					
1.1	(No. of faults/100 subscribers /month) BM <5%	< 5%	3.23%	1.18%	0.32%	0.21%
2	Faults Repair/Restoration Time					
2.1	Fault repair by next working day(Urban Area)					
	Fault repair by next working day(Urban Area) BM >90%	>90%	91.97%	96.39%	100.00%	100.00%
	Within 3 days.BM 100%	100%	99.97%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
2.2	Fault repair by next working day(Rural & hilly Area)					
	By next working day	>90%	93.37%	NA	100.00%	NA
	Within 5 days (Hilly & Rural Area) BM 100%	100%	100.00%	NA	100.00%	NA
3	Rent Rebate					
3.1	Fault pending > 3 days & <7 days	Rebate for 7 days	3.34(In thousands)	0	NIL	NA
3.2	Fault Pending > 7 days & < 15 days	Rebate for 15 days	8.63(In thousands)	0	NIL	NA
3.3	Fault pending > 15 days	Rebate for one month	49.28(In thousands)	0	NIL	NA
4	Mean time to Repair(MTTR)					
4.1	Mean time to Repair(MTTR)	<= 8 Hrs	6.51	2.38	6.45	4.32
5	Call Completion Ratio(CCR) & Answer to seizure Ratio(ASR)					
5.1	Call Completion Ratio(CCR)	> 55%	70.57%	98.58%	98.65%	NA
5.2	Answer to seizure Ratio(ASR)	>75%	74.93%		NA	82.50%
6	Metering & Billing Performance					
6.1	Metering & Billing Credibility-Post paid.BM 0.1%	< 0.1%	0.05%	0.01%	0.03%	0.01%
6.2	Metering & Billing Credibility-Pre paid BM 0.1%	< 0.1%	0.00%	NA	NA	NA
6.3	Resolution of billing charging/validity/ Complaints within 4 weeks BM 100%	100%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
6.4	Period of all refunds/payments from the date of resolution of complaints within 1 weeks	100%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	NA
7						
7.1	POI Congestion (%)	≤ 0.5%	0.01%	0	NA	0
8	Response Time to customer for assistance					
8.1	Accessibility of Call centre/customer Care within 40 seconds.BM >95%	≥95%	96.85%	100.00%	98.97%	95.00%
8.2	% age of calls answered by operator (voice to voice) within 60 seconds. BM >90%	≥90%	90.93%	97.00%	92.12%	95.00%
9	Customer care(promptness in attending to customers request					
9.1	Termination / Closures.BM <=7 days	100%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
9.2	Time taken for refunds of deposit after closures. BM 100% within 60 days.	100%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

From the Month data table, it was observed that BSNL is not meeting the benchmark for "fault repair", "MTTR" & " Answer to seizure Ratio (ASR)" parameters and rest of the operators are meeting the benchmark. However some data are not available in for some operators.

3.6 Broadband Service Provide Summarized Quarterly Data Audit of Kerala Circle (Jan-March'14):

Broadband AP Circle Jan- March'14								
S/N	Parameters	Benchmark	Averaged period	Airtel	Asia net	BSNL	Rcom	TATA
1	Service Provisioning/Activation Time							
1.1	%age of connections provided within 15 days of registration of demand	100%	One Quarter	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
1.2	In all cases where payment towards installation charge & SD is taken and the Broadband connection is not provided within 15 working days	Credit @ Rs.10/day.	One Quarter	0.00%	NA	NA	NA	NA
2	Faults Repair/Restoration Time							
2.1	% of faults repaired by next working day	>90%	One Quarter	94.39%	90.92%	92.78%	100.00%	100.00%
2.2	% of faults repaired within 3 working day	≥99%	One Quarter	100.00%	99.28%	99.71%	100.00%	100.00%
3	Rent Rebate							
3.1	Rent Rebate(nos)		One Quarter	0	0	3014.00	NA	0
4	Billing Performance							
4.1	%age of bills disputed	<2%	One Quarter	0.02%	1.21%	0.17%	0.09%	0.01%
4.2	%age of complaints resolved within 4 weeks	100%	One Quarter	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
4.3	%age of cases to whom refund of deposits is made within 60 days of closures	100%	One Quarter	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	NA	100.00%
5	Response Time to the Customer for assistance							
5.1	%age of calls answered by operator (Voice to voice) within 60 sec	>60%	One Quarter	95.00%	NA	84.27%	96.00%	90.00%
5.2	%age of calls answered by operator (Voice to voice) within 90 sec	>80%	One Quarter	96.00%	NA	92.79%	98.00%	93.00%
6	Bandwidth utilisation/throughput							
6.1	No. of Intra network links having Bandwidth utilization >90% during peak hours (TCBH)		One Quarter	0	Nil	NA	0	0
6.2	No. of Upstream links for International connectivity having BW utilization >90% Peak Hrs.(TCBH)		One Quarter	NA	0	NA	0	1
6.3	% International bandwidth utilization during peak hours (TCBH) (Enclose MRTG)	<90%	One Quarter	NA	63.91%	NA	73.10%	88.16%
6.4	Broadband Connection Speed available (download) from ISP node to user	>80%	One Quarter	100.00%	90.00%	90.80%	91.00%	NA
7	Service Availability/Uptime (for all users) in %age							
7.1	Service availability /uptime (for all users) in %age	>98%	One Quarter	99.99%	99.37%	99.23%	97.22%	98.72%
8	Packet loss							
8.1	% of Packet loss	<1%	One Quarter	0%	0.50%	0.60%	0.51%	0.00%
9	Network latency (for wired broadband access)							
9.1	User reference point at POP/ISP Gateway node to IGSP/NIXI	<120 msec	One Quarter	38.66	50ms	NA	50ms	78.7
9.2	User reference point at ISP Gateway node to International nearest NAP port abroad (terrestrial)	<350 msec	One Quarter	27.33	270ms	NA	51ms	126.33
9.3	User reference point at ISP Gateway node to International nearest NAP port abroad (satellite)	<800 msec	One Quarter	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

Findings:-

From the Month data table, it was observed that all the operators are meeting the benchmark; however some data are not available of some operators.

3.7 CUSTOMER SERVICE QUALITY PARAMETERS

3.7.1 4th Quarter data Assessment:

Kerala 4th Quarter, April- June'2014													
PMR		Benchmark	Audit	Aircel	Airtel	BSNL	Idea	Rcom GSM	Tata GSM	Vodafone	Rcom CDMA	Tata CDMA	MTS
S.N	Name of Parameter			GSM Operators							CDMA Operators		
(B)	Customer Service Quality Parameters												
1	Metering/billing credibility Post paid	<= 0.1%	Reported	0.00%	0.01%	0.04%	0.08%	0.08%	0.00%	0.06%	0.09%	0.00%	NA
			Verified	0.00%	0.01%	0.04%	0.08%	0.08%	0.00%	0.06%	0.09%	0.00%	NA
2	Metering /billing credibility Pre paid	<= 0.1%	Reported	0.00%	0.01%	0.05%	0.03%	0.09%	0.00%	0.02%	0.01%	0.00%	0.02%
			Verified	0.00%	0.01%	0.05%	0.03%	0.09%	0.00%	0.02%	0.01%	0.00%	0.02%
3	Resolution of billing/ charging complaints	100% within 4 weeks	Reported	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	99.66%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
			Verified	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	99.66%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
4	Period of applying credit/waiver/adjustment to the customer's account from the date of resolutions of complaints	<=1 week	Reported	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
			Verified	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
5	Response time to customers for assistance												
	a) Accessibility of call centre/Customer Care	>=95%	Reported	98.05%	100.00%	99.78%	98.00%	98.97%	99.00%	98.00%	98.71%	99.63%	99.20%
			Verified	98.05%	100.00%	99.78%	98.00%	98.97%	99.00%	98.00%	98.71%	99.63%	99.20%
	b) % call answered by operators (voice to voice) within 60 sec.	>=90%	Reported	93.82%	86.00%	72.30%	95.00%	64.73%	77.92%	95.00%	74.41%	96.47%	91.90%
			Verified	93.82%	86.00%	72.30%	95.00%	64.73%	77.92%	95.00%	74.41%	96.47%	91.90%
6	Termination/closure of service												
	No. of requests for Termination / Closure of service complied within 7 days during the quarter	<=7days	Reported	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
			Verified	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
7	Time taken for refunds of deposits after closures.	100% within 60 days	Reported	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
			Verified	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

Finding &Critical Analysis:-

- According to the parameter metering/billing credibility post-paid in the table **3.7.1** we found that all the service providers are meeting the benchmark.
- According to the parameter metering /billing credibility pre-paid in the table **3.7.1** we found that all the service providers are meeting the benchmark.
- According to the parameter Resolution of billing/ charging complaints in the table **3.7.1** we found that the TATA GSM service provider is not meeting the benchmark.
- According to the parameter Period of applying credit/waiver/adjustment to the customer's account from the date of resolutions of complaints in the table **3.7.1** we found that all the service providers are meeting the benchmark.
- According to the parameter Accessibility of call centre/Customer Care in the table **3.7.1** we found that all the service providers are meeting the benchmark.
- According to the parameter % call answered by operators (voice to voice) within 60 sec in the table **3.7.1** we found that the Airtel, BSNL, Rcom (GSM & CDMA) and TATA GSM service providers are not meeting the benchmark.
- According to the parameter no. of requests for Termination / Closure of service complied within 7 days during the quarter in the table **3.7.1** we found that all the service providers are meeting the benchmark.
- According to the parameter Time taken for refunds of deposits after closures in the table **3.7.1** we found that Idea is not meeting the benchmark.

3.8 Redressal

Sample coverage

A sample of billing complaints was taken for each operator and calls were made for assessing the resolution of billing/charging complaints within 4 weeks as claimed by the respective operators.

3.8.1 Performance (live calling for billing complaints)

Calling Operator	Vodafone	Airtel	Idea	MTS	Aircel	BSNL	Rcom	Tata	RCOM CDMA	Tata CDMA
Calls Attempted	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Total No. of calls	96	91	97	94	98	100	94	98	97	96
Cases resolved with 4 weeks	96	91	97	94	98	100	94	98	97	96
%age of cases resolved	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Note: The difference between call attempts and call answer is because of either Number busy, No response or out of reach in the Network.

Findings:-

- We have made live calling to customers as per their complaints details and we verified their complaint and we found that most of the complaints are resolved within the time line and all the operators are meeting the TRAI benchmarks.

3.8.2 Live calling to call centre

Calling Operator	Vodafone	Airtel	Idea	MTS	Aircel	BSNL	Rcom	Tata	RCOM CDMA	Tata CDMA
Total No. of Calls Attempted	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Total No. of calls connected to IVR	100	98	100	97	99	100	95	100	100	98
Calls got connected to agent within 60 Sec	97	96	94	95	93	96	70	99	90	92
%age of calls got answered	97%	93%	94%	100%	93%	96%	60%	99%	90%	92%

Findings:-

In live calling to call centers we found that all the operators are meeting their benchmark except Rcom GSM for both Calls got connected to agent within 60 Sec and %age of calls got answered are not meeting the benchmark.

3.8.3 Level 1 Live Calling (Emergency No.) Q 4:-

Level 1 Live calling such as calling at emergency no. Police, Fire, and Ambulance were made so as to check the service of such short codes. In 3 different cities of Kerala we have dialed 5-6 times from each service providers' no. and in this way we have dialed 450 calls in 3 cities.

Emergency No.	No. of calls	Aircel	Airtel	BSNL	Idea	Rcom GSM	Tata GSM	Vodafone	Rcom CDMA	Tata CDMA	MTS
Lakshadweep											
100(Police)	20	NA	10	10	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
101 (Fire)	20	NA	10	10	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
108/102(Ambulance)	20	NA	10	10	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Thrissur											
100(Police)	50	NA	6	6	5	6	6	5	5	5	6
101 (Fire)	50	NA	5	6	5	5	5	6	6	6	6
108/102(Ambulance)	50	NA	6	6	6	6	6	5	5	5	5
Ernakulum											
100(Police)	50	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
101 (Fire)	50	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
108/102(Ambulance)	50	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5

Critical Analysis:-

Level 1 calling such as calling at emergency no. like Police, Fire, and Ambulance were made so as to check the service of such short codes. In different cities of Kerala it was found to be functional and in Lakshadweep only BSNL & Airtel was available and in Thrisusur Aircel was not available.

3.9 Inter Operator Call Assessment

3.9.1 Sample coverage

A sample of 2x50 test calls per Service Provider within the licensed service area (Kerala circle) were made between 1100 to 1400 hrs and 1600 to 1900 hrs so that TCBH hours for all the operators were covered.

Performance Based on Live Measurement

Calling Operator	Aircel	Airtel	BSNL	Idea	Rcom GSM	Tata GSM	Vodafone	Rcom CDMA	Tata CDMA	MTS
Aircel	-	100.00%	99.00%	99.00%	100.00%	99.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Airtel	100.00%	-	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	99.00%	100.00%	100.00%	98.00%
BSNL	99.00%	100.00%	-	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	99.00%	98.00%	100.00%
Idea	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	-	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Rcom GSM	100.00%	98.00%	100.00%	100.00%	-	100.00%	98.00%	100.00%	100.00%	99.00%
Tata GSM	99.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	-	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Vodafone	99.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	98.00%	100.00%	-	100.00%	100.00%	98.00%
Rcom CDMA	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	99.00%	100.00%	-	100.00%	100.00%
Tata CDMA	98.00%	99.00%	99.00%	99.00%	99.00%	100.00%	100.00%	99.00%	-	100.00%
MTS	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	99.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	-

Critical Analysis:-

In the inter-operator call assessment test, calls were made from one operator to other operator so as to check congestion on both the operators' network. In such cases, the radio part, switch part and the POI in between the operators are involved and hence if any congestion is found in the network, it may be due to any of these parts. The result shows that there is not much congestion on the operator network; however the congestion was shown with all the operators BSNL, Vodafone, Airtel, Rcom, Tata, Idea, Aircel and MTS service provider.

CAPTER-4: DETAILED FINDINGS, ANALYSIS AND GRAPHICAL REPRESENTATION

4.0 Cellular Mobile Telephone Service

4.1 CUSTOMER SERVICE QUALITY PARAMETERS (Graphical Representation)

4.1.1 4th Quarter data Assessment:

Kerala 4th Quarter, April- June'2014													
PMR		Benchmark	Audit	Aircel	Airtel	BSNL	Idea	Rcom GSM	Tata GSM	Vodafone	Rcom CDMA	Tata CDMA	MTS
S.N	Name of Parameter			GSM Operators							CDMA Operators		
(B)	Customer Service Quality Parameters												
1	Metering/billing credibility Post paid	<= 0.1%	Reported	0.00%	0.01%	0.04%	0.08%	0.08%	0.00%	0.06%	0.09%	0.00%	NA
			Verified	0.00%	0.01%	0.04%	0.08%	0.08%	0.00%	0.06%	0.09%	0.00%	NA
2	Metering /billing credibility Pre paid	<= 0.1%	Reported	0.00%	0.01%	0.05%	0.03%	0.09%	0.00%	0.02%	0.01%	0.00%	0.02%
			Verified	0.00%	0.01%	0.05%	0.03%	0.09%	0.00%	0.02%	0.01%	0.00%	0.02%
3	Resolution of billing/ charging complaints	100% within 4 weeks	Reported	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	99.66%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
			Verified	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	99.66%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
4	Period of applying credit/waiver/adjustment to the customer's account from the date of resolutions of complaints	<=1 week	Reported	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
			Verified	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
5	Response time to customers for assistance												
	a) Accessibility of call centre/Customer Care	>=95%	Reported	98.05%	100.00%	99.78%	98.00%	98.97%	99.00%	98.00%	98.71%	99.63%	99.20%
			Verified	98.05%	100.00%	99.78%	98.00%	98.97%	99.00%	98.00%	98.71%	99.63%	99.20%
	b) % call answered by operators (voice to voice) within 60 sec.	>=90%	Reported	93.82%	86.00%	72.30%	95.00%	64.73%	77.92%	95.00%	74.41%	96.47%	91.90%
			Verified	93.82%	86.00%	72.30%	95.00%	64.73%	77.92%	95.00%	74.41%	96.47%	91.90%
6	Termination/closure of service	<=7days	Reported	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
			Verified	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
7	Time taken for refunds of deposits after closures.	100% within 60 days	Reported	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
			Verified	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

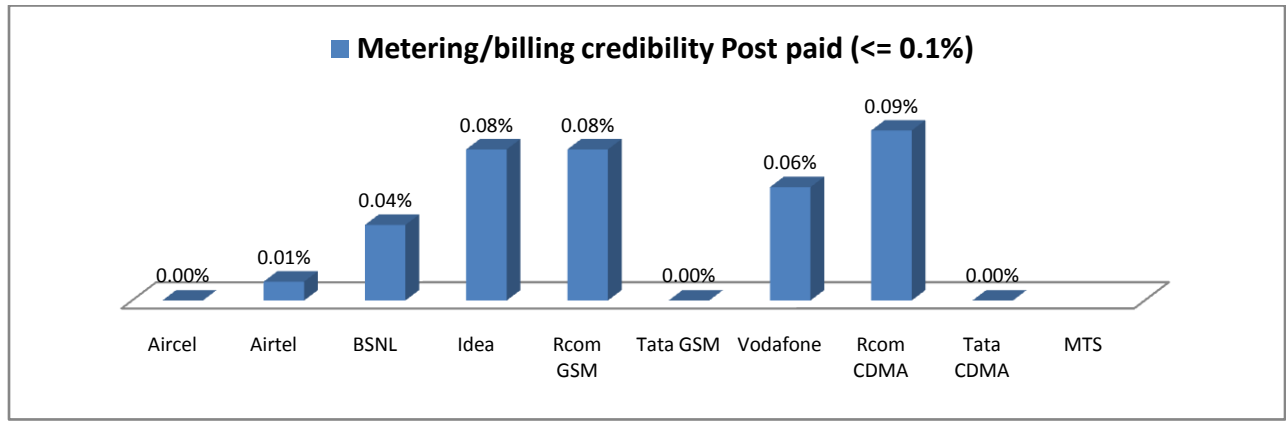


Fig. 1

According to the parameter metering/billing credibility post-paid in the table 4.1.1 and the Fig.1 we found that all the service providers are meeting the benchmark.

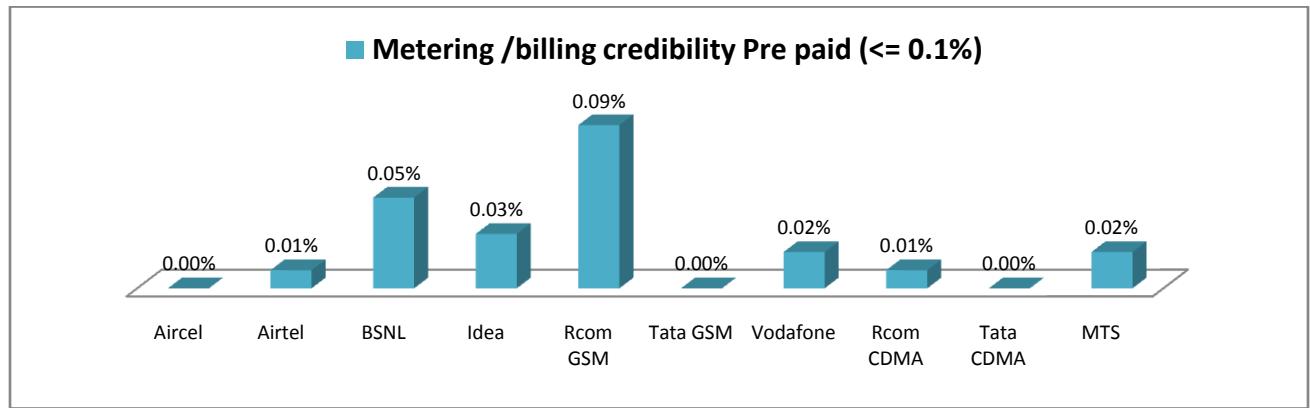


Fig. 2

According to the parameter metering /billing credibility pre-paid in the table 4.1.1 and the Fig.2 we found that all the service providers are meeting the benchmark.

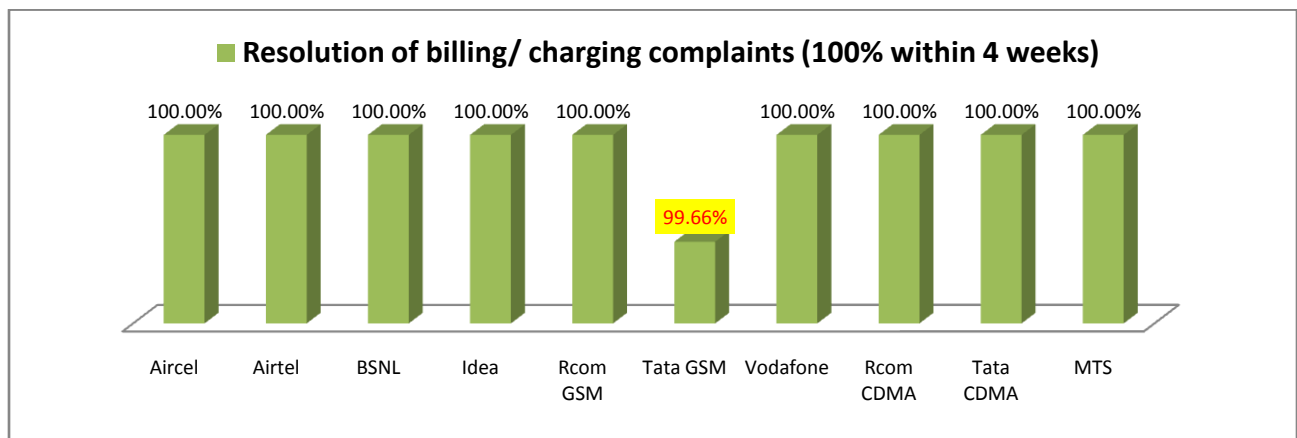


Fig. 3

According to the parameter Resolution of billing/ charging complaints in the table 4.1.1 and the Fig.3 we found that all the service providers are meeting the benchmark except TATA GSM.

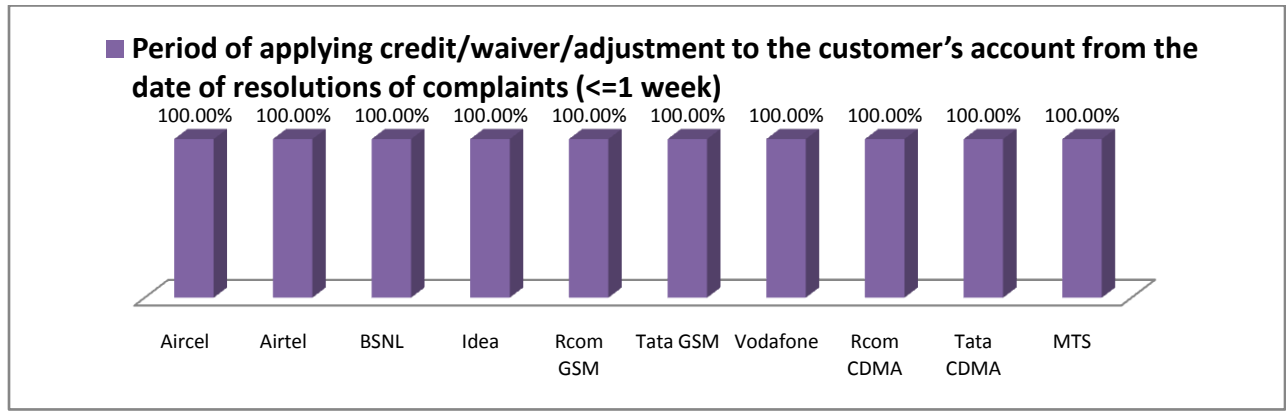


Fig. 4

According to the parameter Period of applying credit/waiver/adjustment to the customer's account from the date of resolutions of complaints in the table 4.1.1 and the Fig.4 we found that all the service providers are meeting the benchmark.

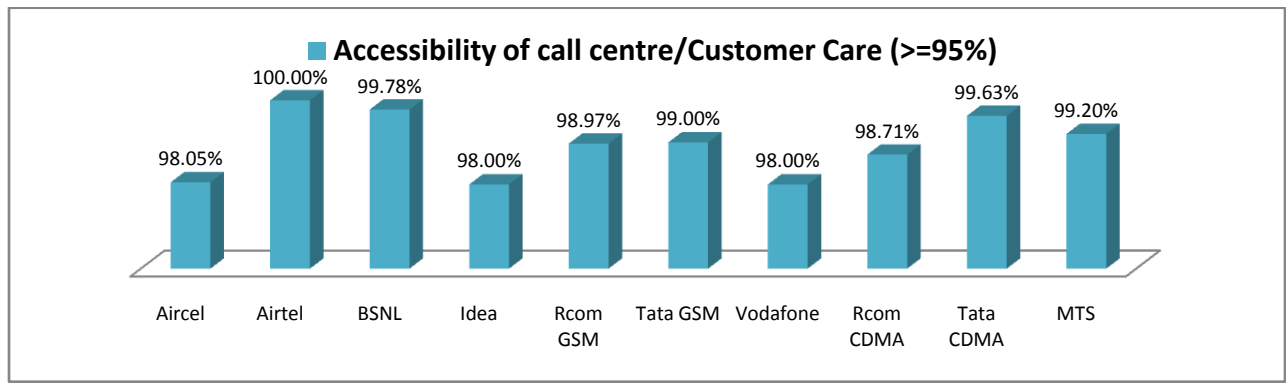


Fig. 5

According to the parameter Accessibility of call Centre/Customer Care in the table 4.1.1 and the Fig.5 we found that all the service providers are meeting the benchmark.

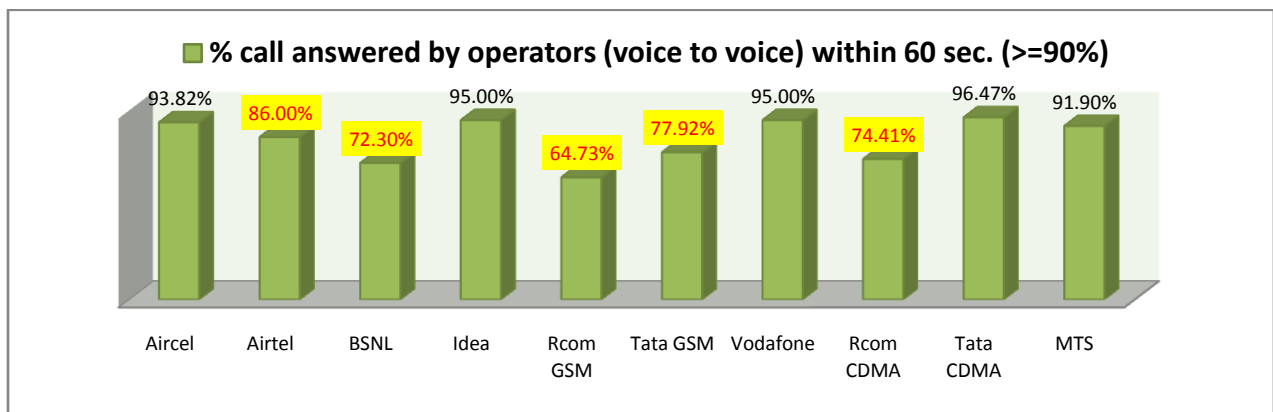


Fig. 6

According to the parameter % call answered by operators (voice to voice) within 60 sec in the table 4.1.1 and the Fig.6 we found that all the service providers are meeting the benchmark except **Rcom (GSM & CDMA), Airtel, BSNL and TATA GSM.**

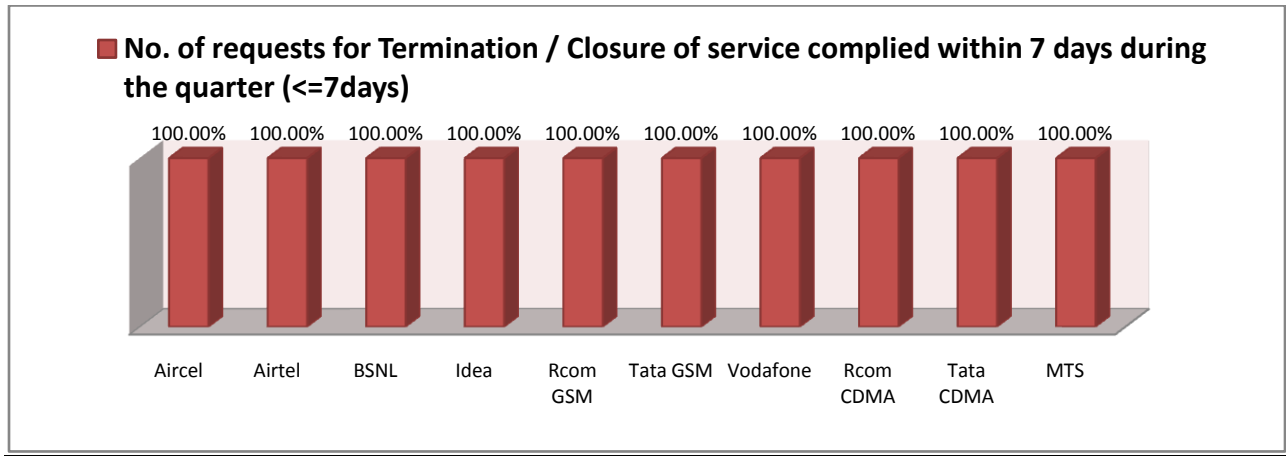


Fig. 7

According to the parameter no. of requests for Termination / Closure of service complied within 7 days during the quarter in the table 4.1.1 and the Fig.7 we found that all the service providers are meeting the benchmark.

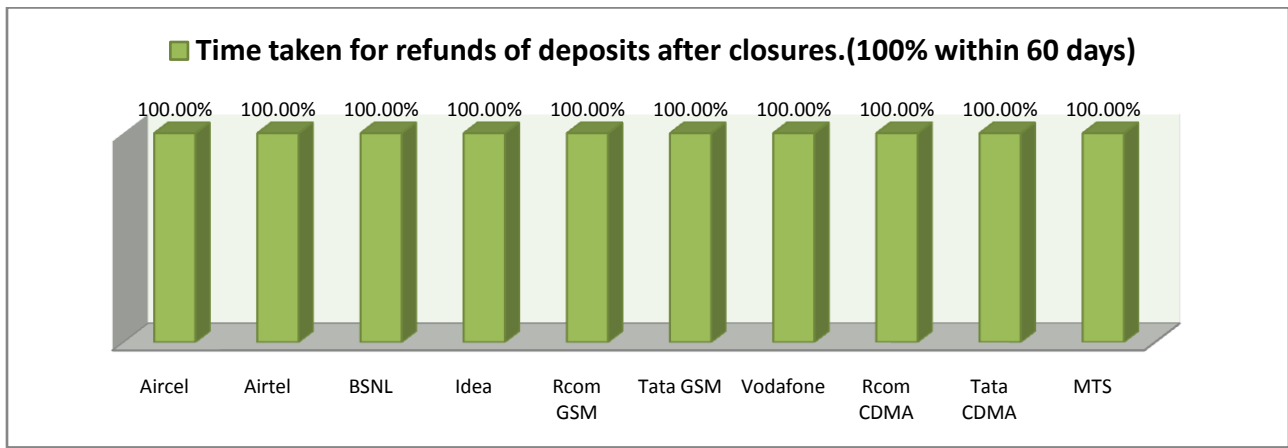


Fig. 8

According to the parameter Time taken for refunds of deposits after closures in the table 4.1.1 and the Fig.8 we found that all the service providers are meeting the benchmark.

4.2 Quarter4 PMR Summarized Data Results in Table & Graphical

4.2.1 Kerala Circle (April-June'14):

Kerala Circle (April-June'14)																
Month PMR Generation Data		Bench mark	Audit Period	Aircel	Airtel	BSNL 2G	BSNL 3G	IDEA	IDEA 3G	Reliance	TATA 2G	TATA 3G	Vodafone	Reliance	TATA	MTS
S/N	Name of Parameter			GSM Operators										CDMA		
Network Service Quality Parameter																
1	Network Availability															
	BTS accumulated downtime	≤ 2%	One Qtr	0.45%	0.06%	1.09%	0.81%	0.59%	0.10%	0.11%	0.02%	1.20%	0.06%	0.22%	0.02%	0.10%
	Worst affected BTS due to downtime	≤ 2%	One Qtr	1.28%	0.02%	0.21%	0.71%	1.51%	0.11%	0.03%	0.00%	0.00%	0.32%	0.08%	0.00%	0.02%
2	Connection establishment (Accessibility)															
	Call Setup Success Rate	≥ 95%	One Qtr	99.89%	99.78%	98.02%	97.88%	99.87%	98.92%	99.75%	98.89%	99.46%	99.40%	99.19%	99.15%	99.59%
	SDCCH/ Paging Channel Congestion	≤ 1%	One Qtr	0.00%	0.09%	0.63%	0.08%	0.26%	0.45%	0.01%	0.01%	0.05%	0.15%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
	TCH congestion	≤ 2%	One Qtr	0.00%	0.05%	1.98%	0.78%	1.21%	0.38%	0.03%	0.03%	0.14%	0.60%	0.00%	0.05%	0.01%
3	Connection Maintainability (Retain ability)															
	Call Drop Rate	≤ 2%	One Qtr	0.74%	0.24%	0.67%	1.11%	0.64%	0.24%	0.18%	0.61%	0.27%	0.60%	0.05%	0.65%	0.60%
	Worst affected cells having more than 3% TCH drop (call drop) rate	≤ 3%	One Qtr	2.70%	0.77%	2.19%	0.11%	1.87%	1.67%	0.06%	4.34%	2.81%	1.16%	0.17%	8.33%	2.91%
	% of Connections with good voice quality	≥ 95%	One Qtr	98.78%	99.73%	99.85%	99.88%	95.15%	98.43%	99.22%	98.15%	99.82%	97.40%	99.72%	99.13%	99.17%
	Point of Interconnections (POI) congestion (on individual POI)	≤ 0.5%	One Qtr	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

Finding & Critical Analysis:-

- According to the summarized data for the month of April, May and June 2014 we found that only TATA 2G & CDMA are not meeting the benchmark for **worst affected cells having more than 3% TCH drop (call drop) rate.**

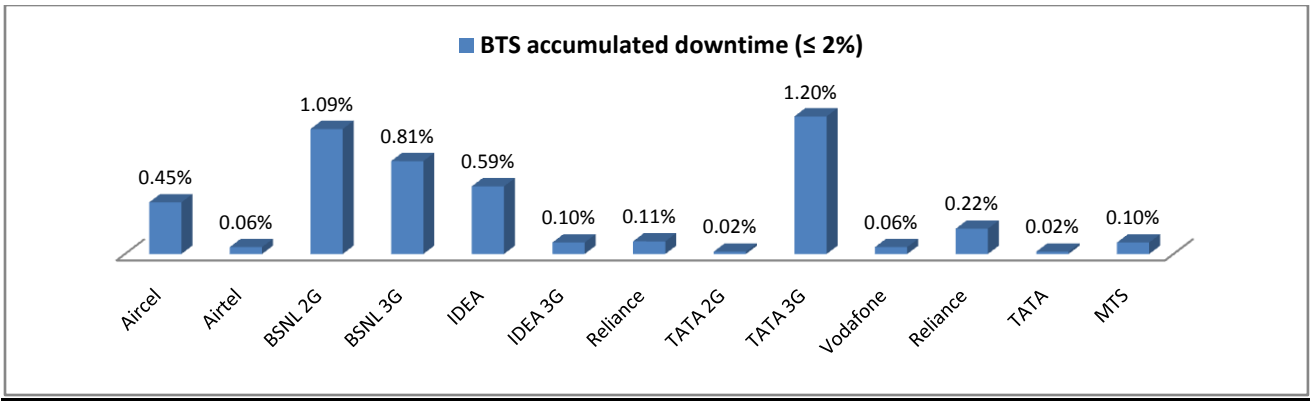


Fig.1

According to the **Fig.1** and data on the table **4.2.1**, it is found that all the operators are meeting the benchmark for Network Parameters.

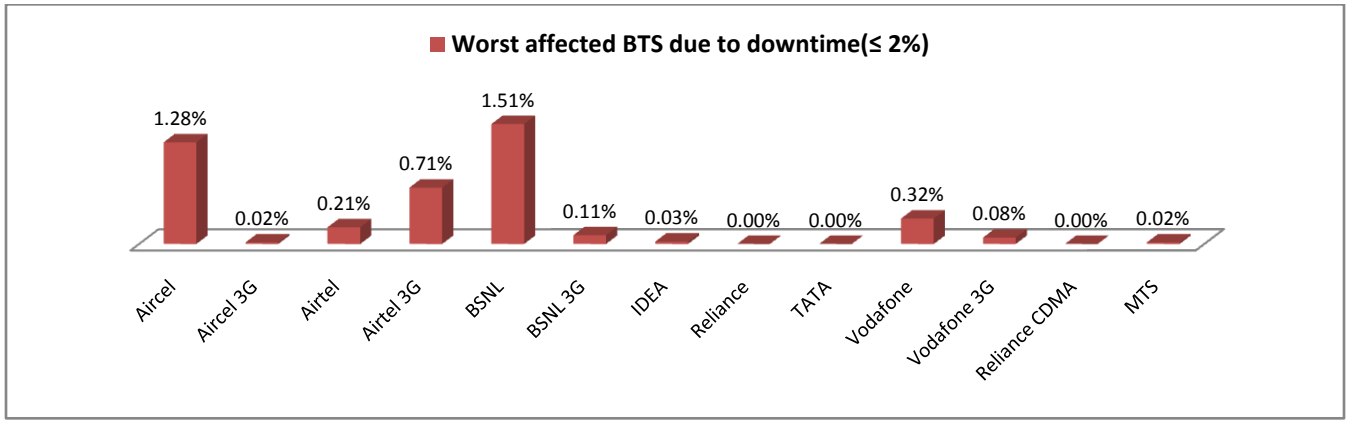


Fig.2

According to the **Fig.2** and data on the table **4.2.1**, it is found that all the operators are meeting the benchmark for Network Parameters.

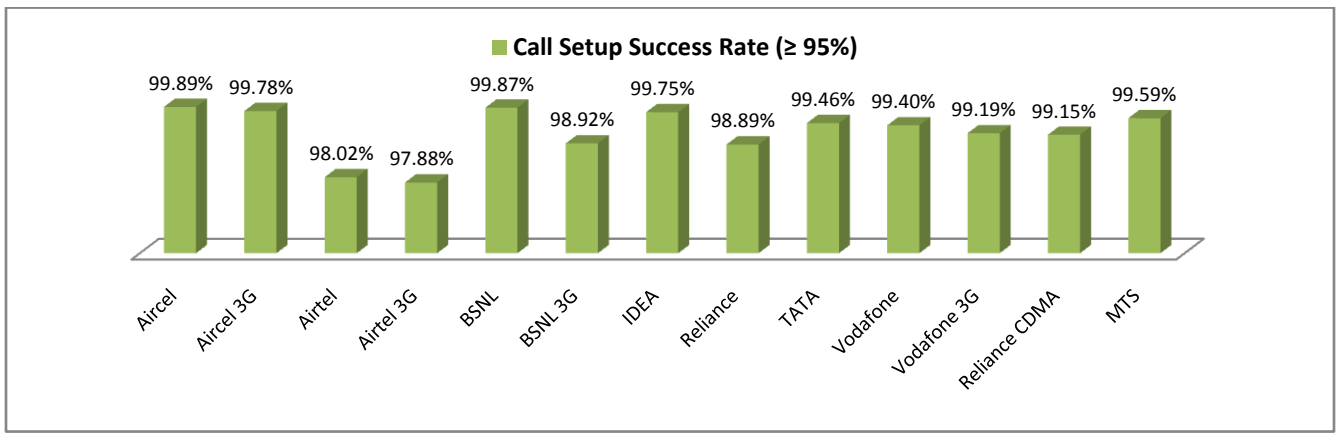


Fig. 3

According to the **Fig.3** and data on the table **4.2.1**, it is found that all the operators are meeting the Network Parameters.

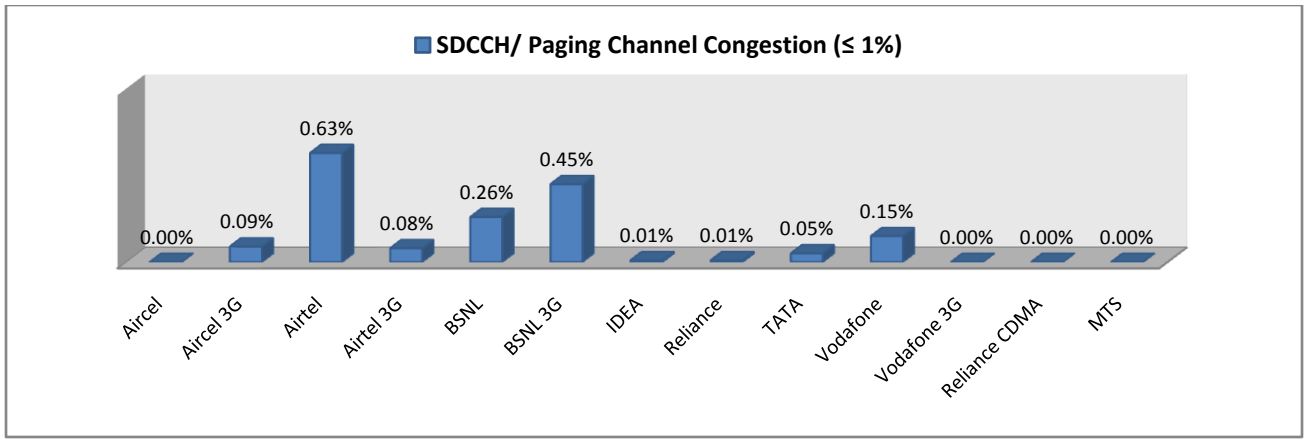


Fig. 4

According to the **Fig.4** and data on the table **4.2.1**, it is found that all the operators are meeting the Network Parameters.

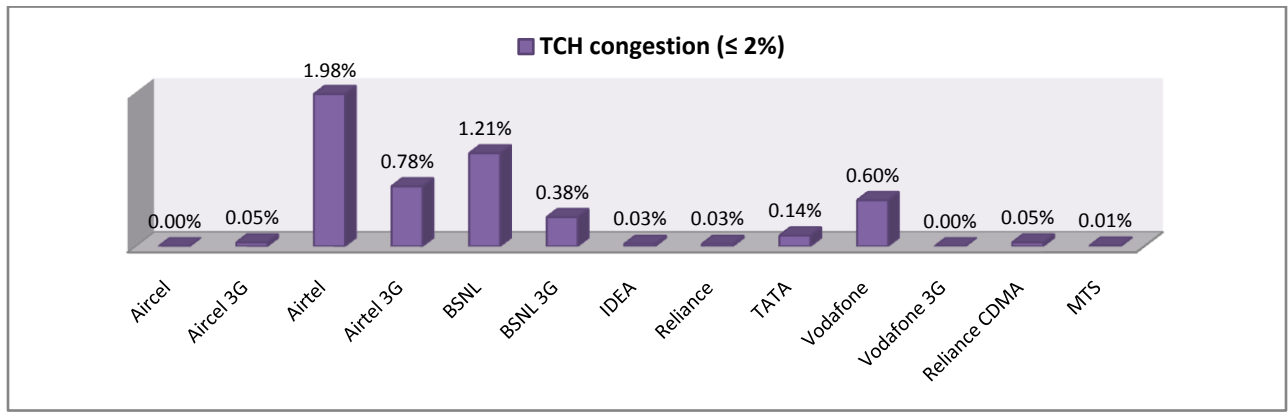


Fig. 5

According to the **Fig.5** and data on the table **4.2.1**, it is found that all the operators are meeting the Network Parameters.

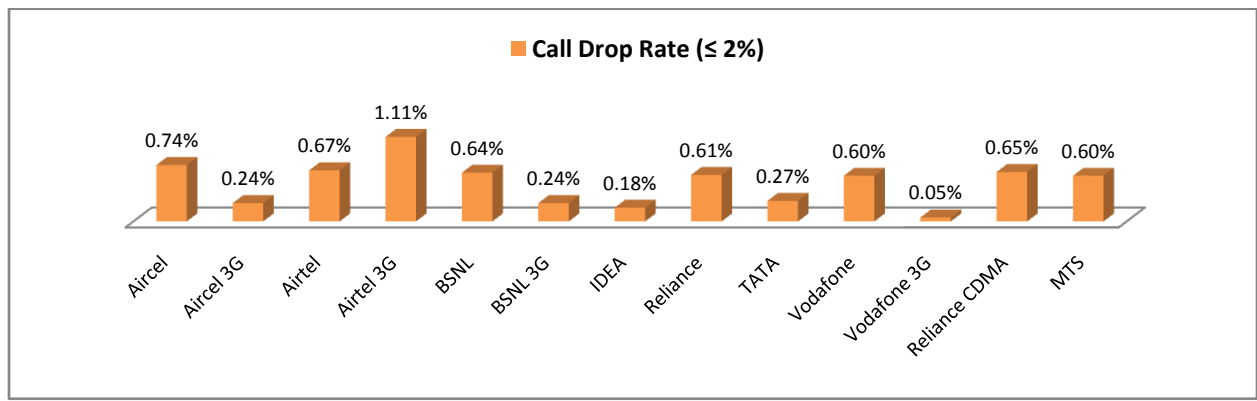


Fig. 6

According to the above graph and data on the table **4.2.1**, it is found that all the operators are meeting the Network Parameters.

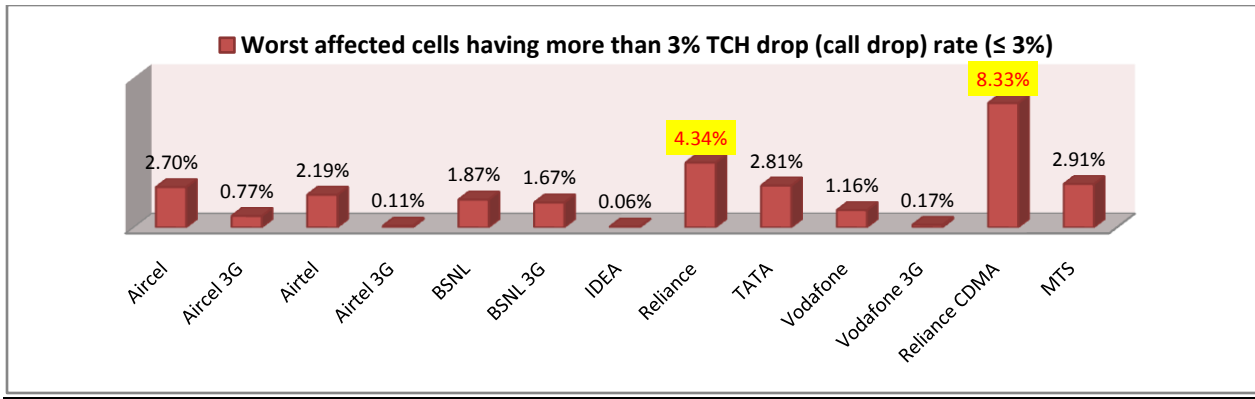


Fig.7

According to the **Fig.7** and data on the table **4.2.1**, it is found that all the operators are meeting the benchmark for worst affected cells having more than 3% TCH drop (call drop) rate ($\leq 3\%$) except Rcom GSM & CDMA.

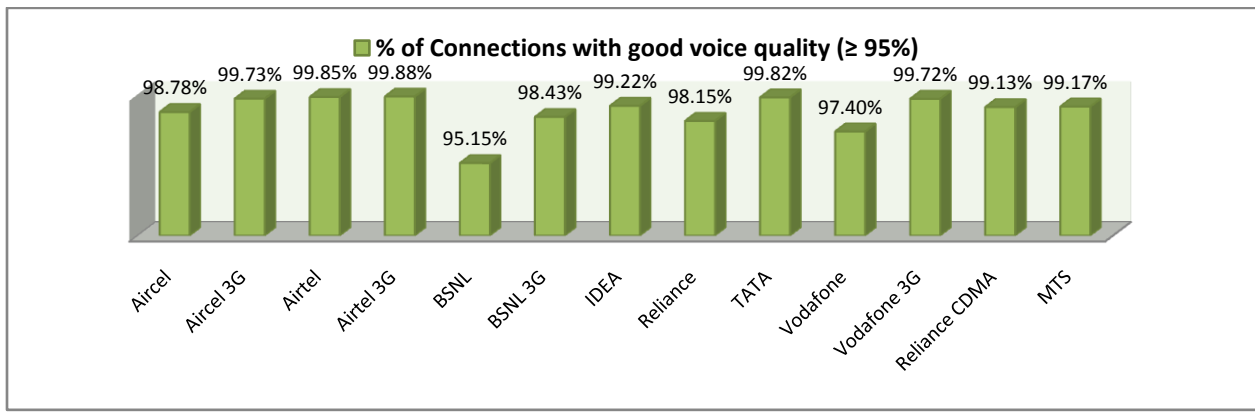


Fig. 8

According to the **Fig.8** and data on the table **4.2.1**, it is found that all the operators are meeting the Network Parameters.

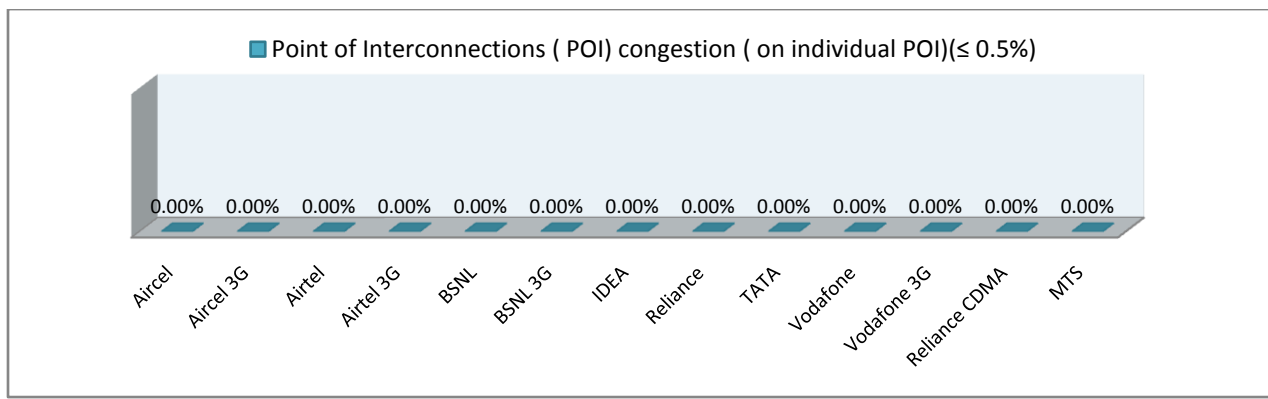


Fig. 9

According to the **Fig.9** and data on the table **4.2.1**, it is found that all the operators are meeting the benchmark for Point of Interconnections.

4.3 Drive Test Measurements Audit Report Kerala Circle (Graphical Representation)

Drive Test Measurements													
S N	Parameter	City Name	GSM Operators							CDMA Operators			
			Airtel	Idea	Vodafone	BSNL	Aircel	Rcom GSM	TATA GSM	Rcom CDMA	TATA CDMA	MTS	
1.1	Call Attempts	Lakshadweep	88	NP	NP	111	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	
		Thrissur	595	549	556	587	NP	604	528	608	534	541	
		Ernakulum	852	832	862	830	32	805	791	814	811	871	
1.2	Blocked Call Rate (<=3%)	Lakshadweep	0.00%	NP	NP	0.67%	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	
		Thrissur	0.67%	0.91%	0.40%	0.85%	NP	2.65%	0.00%	0.16%	0.00%	0.37%	
		Ernakulum	0.93%	0.96%	0.70%	1.45%	0.00%	1.12%	0.00%	0.49%	0.00%	0.65%	
1.3	Dropped Call Rate (<=2%)	Lakshadweep	0.00%	NP	NP	0.00%	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	
		Thrissur	0.51%	1.11%	0.59%	1.02%	NP	0.99%	0.94%	0.33%	0.75%	0.56%	
		Ernakulum	0.94%	0.61%	0.28%	1.45%	0.00%	1.03%	0.63%	1.85%	2.45%	0.26%	
1.4	Percentage of connections with good voice quality (=>95%)												
	(i) 0-4 (w/o frequency hopping)	Lakshadweep	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NP	NP	NP
		Thrissur	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.00%	96.30%	97.93%
		Ernakulum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	98.87%	93.29%	97.36%
	(ii) 0-5 (with frequency hopping)	Lakshadweep	99.61%	NP	NP	95.81%	NP	NP	NP	-	-	-	
		Thrissur	98.65%	89.35%	93.57%	96.73%	NP	92.68%	97.25%	-	-	-	
Ernakulum		98.55%	88.09%	91.68%	93.51%	95.00%	95.52%	96.64%	-	-	-		
1.5	Service Coverage												
	In door (>= 75dBm)	Lakshadweep	51.06%	NP	NP	31.38%	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	
		Thrissur	34.68%	30.47%	73.32%	28.10%	NP	67.32%	57.81%	37.00%	76.37%	32.93%	
		Ernakulum	44.54%	44.86%	83.72%	69.50%	58.00%	58.43%	62.71%	55.20%	32.18%	36.81%	
	In-vehicle (>= -85dBm)	Lakshadweep	70.03%	NP	NP	68.80%	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	
		Thrissur	73.55%	75.51%	93.94%	58.27%	NP	76.29%	78.35%	75.00%	92.36%	68.53%	
		Ernakulum	78.84%	85.12%	98.00%	89.74%	88.00%	81.52%	84.44%	82.29%	57.54%	70.79%	
	Outdoor- in city (>= -95dBm)	Lakshadweep	90.86%	NP	NP	91.22%	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	
		Thrissur	95.92%	97.90%	99.65%	85.27%	NP	94.22%	95.99%	97.00%	99.62%	92.08%	
Ernakulum		96.00%	99.48%	99.99%	98.63%	99.00%	94.22%	96.45%	96.35%	79.49%	92.98%		
1.6	Call Setup Success Rate (>=95%)	Lakshadweep	100.00%	NP	NP	66.50%	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	
		Thrissur	99.33%	99.09%	99.60%	99.15%	NP	99.97%	100.00%	99.99%	100.00%	99.63%	
		Ernakulum	99.07%	98.92%	99.30%	98.55%	99.00%	98.73%	100.00%	99.39%	97.55%	99.35%	
1.7	Hand Over Success Rate (HOSR)	Lakshadweep	100.00%	NP	NP	85.20%	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	
		Thrissur	99.32%	99.57%	99.38%	99.59%	NP	99.38%	99.66%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	
		Ernakulum	99.12%	98.99%	98.08%	97.25%	100.00%	99.35%	99.17%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	

4.3.1 Call Attempts: -

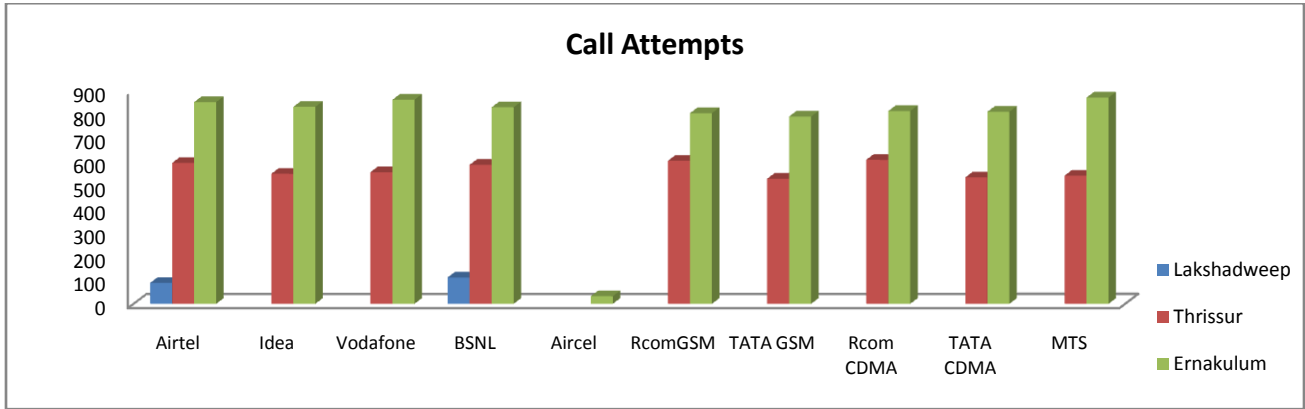


Fig.4.3.1

According to the table and the fig. 4.3.1 it shows the no. of call attempted in different city.

4.3.2 Blocked Call Rate (<=3%):-

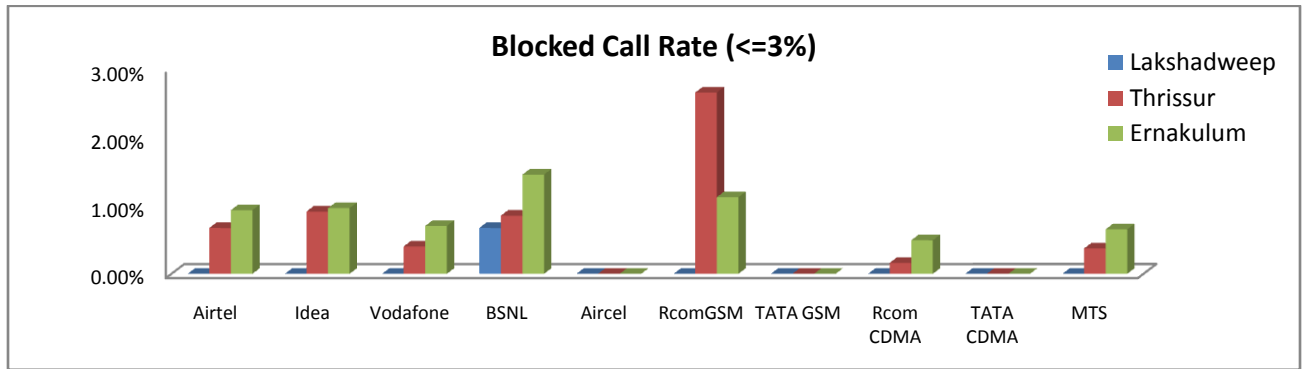


Fig.4.3.2

According to the table and the fig. 4.3.2 it shows that all the operators are not meeting the benchmark of Blocked Call Rate however in Lakshadweep only Airtel and BSNL available and Aircel is not participated in Thrissur and Lkshadweep.

4.3.3 Dropped Call Rate (<=2%):

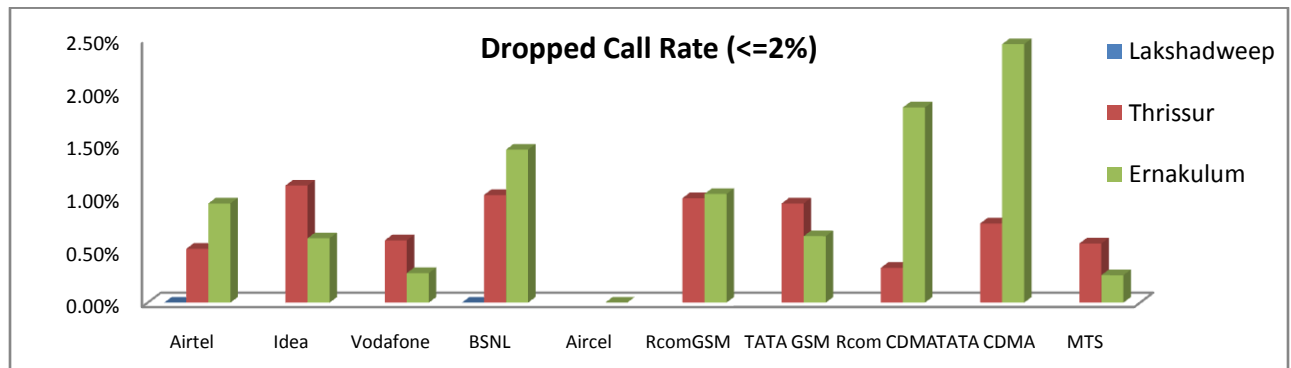


Fig. 4.3.3

According to the table and the fig. 4.3.3 it shows that TATA CDMA is not meeting the benchmark of Dropped Call Rate, however in Lakshadweep only BSNL and Airtel participated and Aircel in not participated in Thrissur.

4.3.4 Percentage of connections with good voice quality (=>95%)

4.3.4.1 0-4 (w/o frequency hopping)

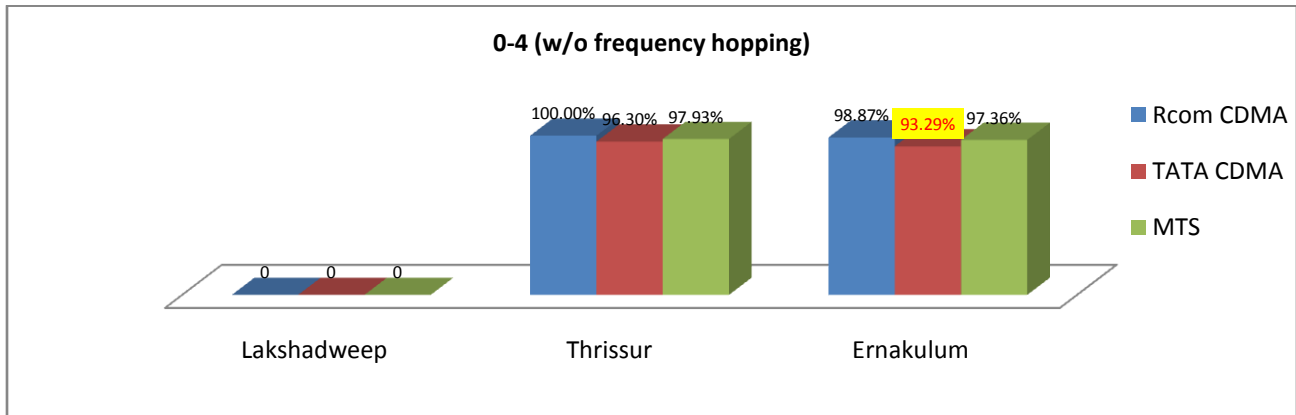


Fig. 4.3.4.1

According to the table and the fig. 4.3.4.1 it shows that all the operators are meeting the benchmark for voice quality (0-4 (w/o frequency hopping) except TATA CDMA in Ernakulum; however in Lakshadweep these operators are not available.

4.3.4.2 0-5 (with frequency hopping)

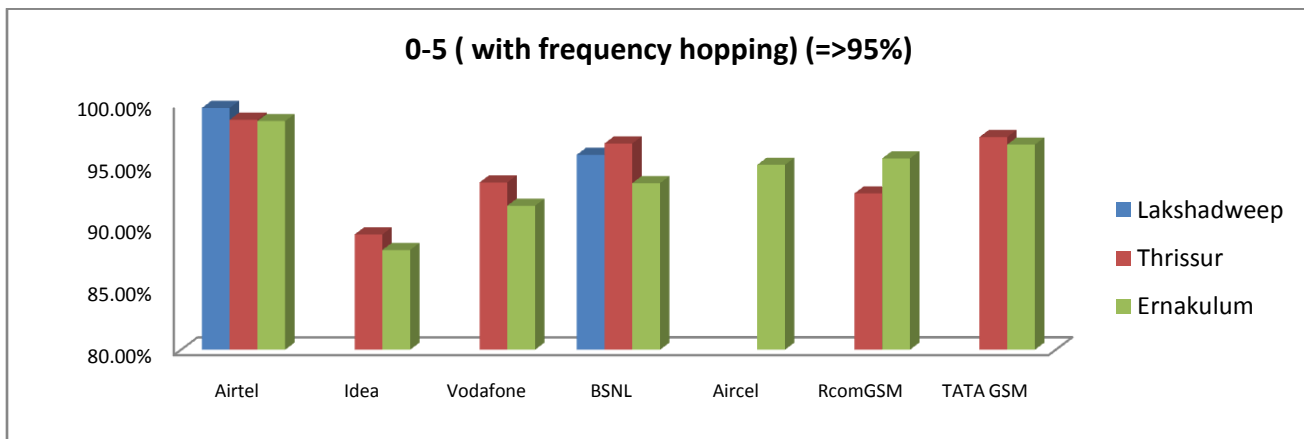


Fig. 4.3.4.2

According to the table and the fig. 4.3.4.1, it shows that Idea, Vodafone & BSNL in Ernakulum and Idea, Vodafone and Rcom GSM in Thrissur are not meeting the benchmark for Voice Quality (0-5 (with frequency hopping)).

4.3.5 Service Coverage

4.3.5.1 Indoor ($\geq -75\text{dBm}$)

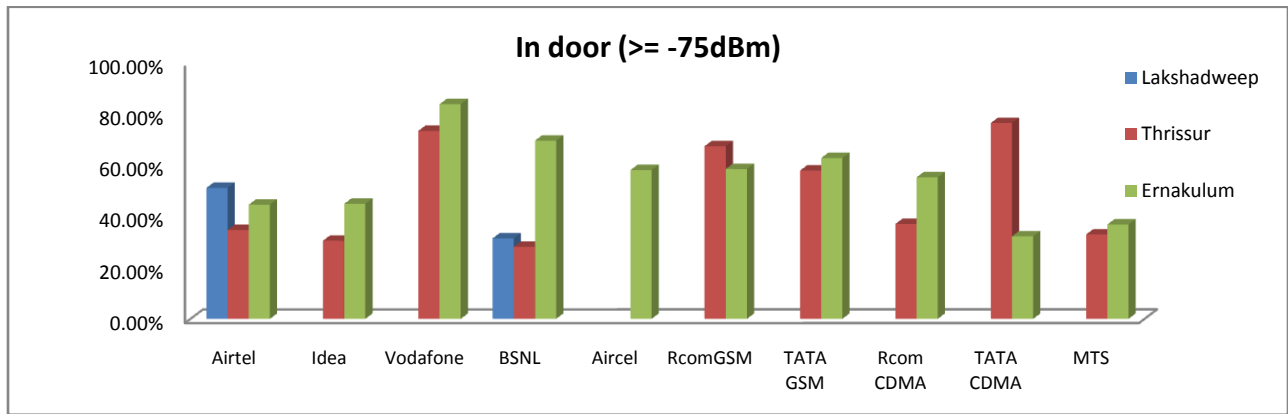


Fig.4.3.5.1

According to the table and the fig. 4.3.5.1, it shows that all service providers are meeting the benchmark of **indoor ($\geq -75\text{dBm}$)** and Aircel is not participated in Lakshadweep and Thrissur.

4.3.5.2 In-vehicle ($\geq -85\text{dBm}$)

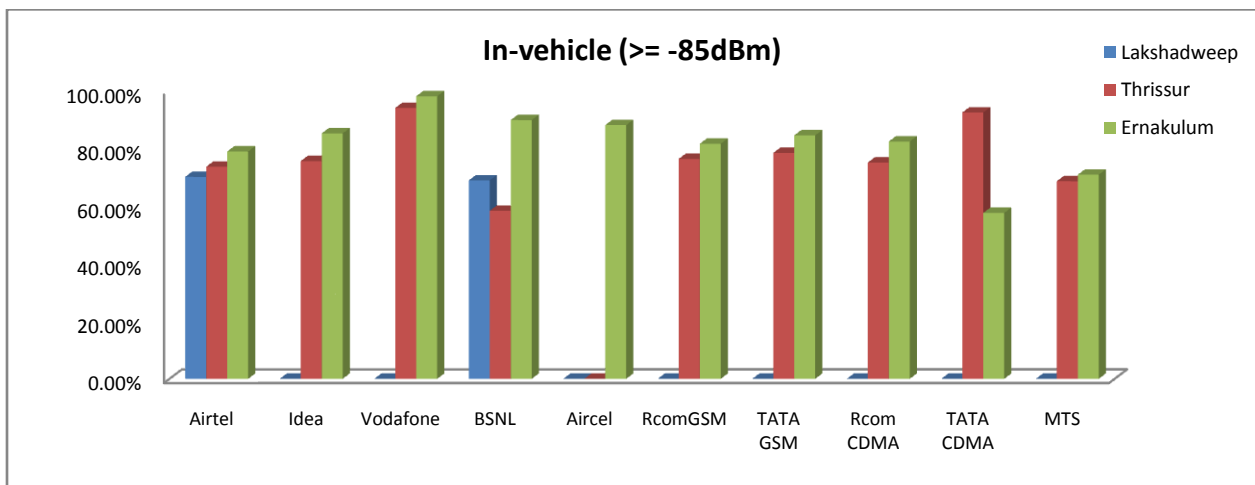


Fig. 4.3.5.2

According to the table and the fig. 4.3.5.2, it shows that all service providers are meeting their benchmark of **In-vehicle ($\geq -85\text{dBm}$)** and Aircel is not participated in Lakshadweep and Thrissur.

4.3.5.3 Outdoor- in city ($\geq -95\text{dBm}$)

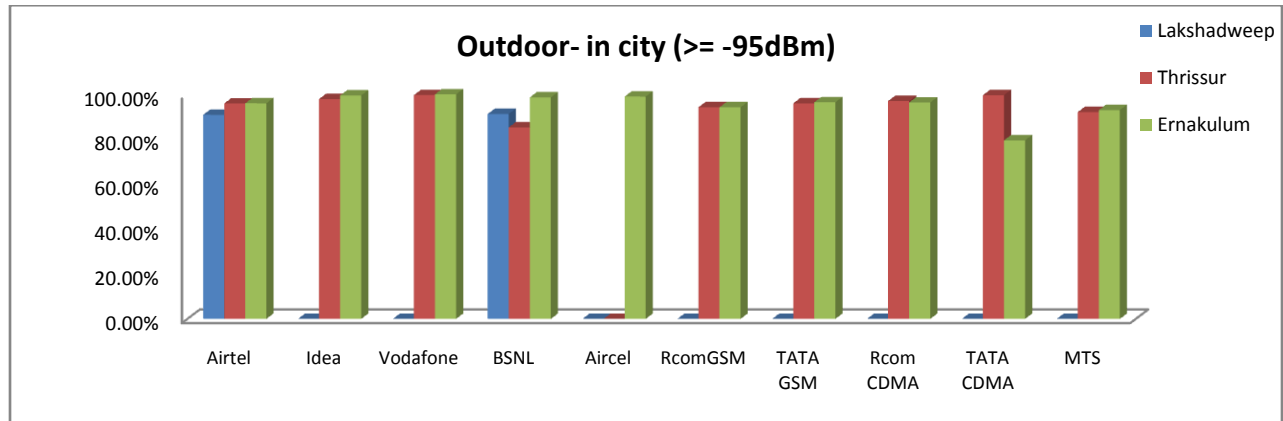


Fig. 4.3.5.3

According to the table and the fig. 4.3.5.3, it shows that all service providers are meeting their benchmark of **Outdoor- in city ($\geq -95\text{dBm}$)**.

4.3.6 Call Setup Success Rate ($\geq 95\%$)

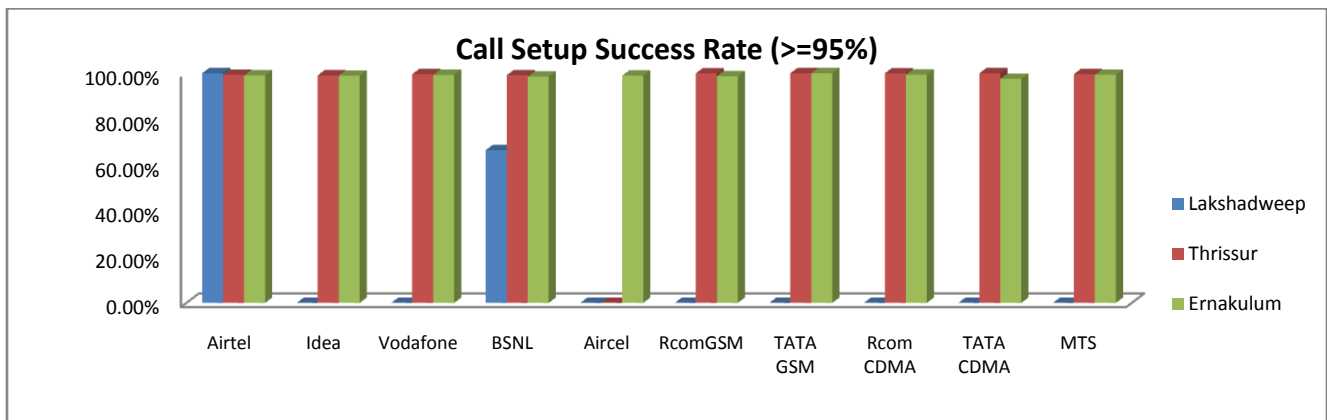


Fig. 4.3.6

According to the table and the fig. 4.3.6, it shows that BSNL is not meeting the benchmark of **Call Setup Success Rate** in Lakshadweep.

4.3.7 Handover Success Rate (HOSR)

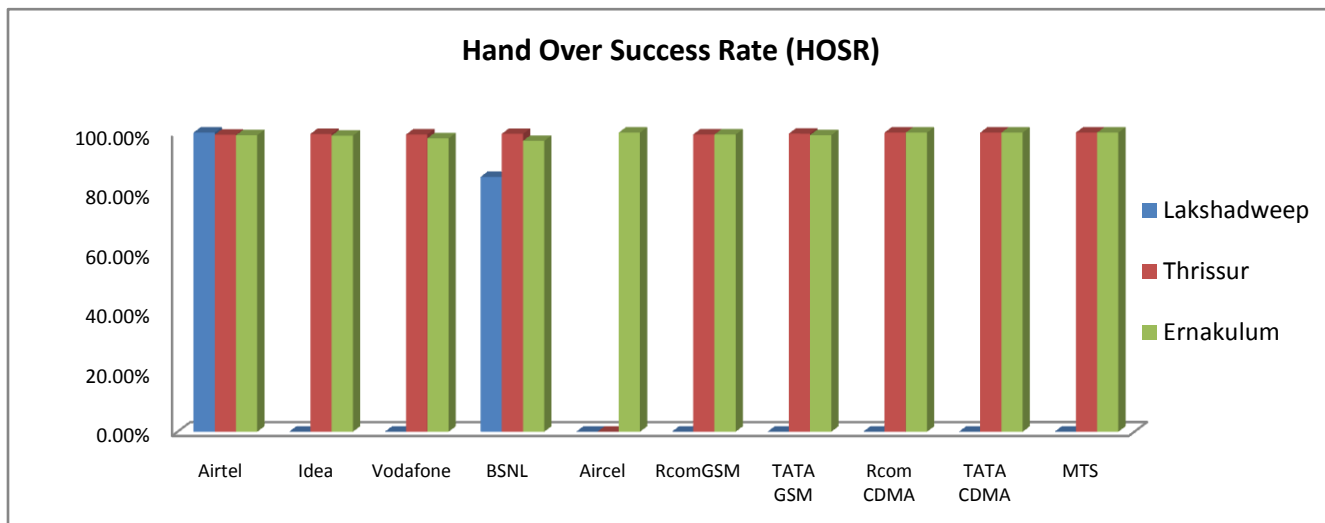


Fig.4.3.7

4.4 Live Test Summary and Graphical Representation for Q4_Kerala Circle

KERALA CIRCLE-QUARTER-4 -2014 (April- June)																
Live Test Generation Data		Bench- mark	Audit Period	AIRCEL	AIRTEL	BSNL	IDEA	VODAFONE	TATA	RCOM	MTS	RCOM	TATA	TATA	BSNL	IDEA
S/N	Name of Parameter			GSM Operators						CDMA Operators			WCDMA Operators			
1	Network Service Quality Parameters															
	Network Availability															
	a) BTS Accumulated Downtime	<=2%	Day 1	0.96%	0.04%	0.82%	0.34%	0.01%	0.02%	0.18%	0.01%	1.39%	0.00%	0.02%	0.14%	0.08%
			Day 2	0.51%	0.06%	1.18%	0.54%	0.02%	0.01%	0.23%	0.05%	0.66%	0.00%	0.00%	0.18%	0.15%
			Day 3	0.31%	0.05%	0.96%	0.41%	0.02%	0.01%	0.81%	0.13%	0.82%	0.00%	0.04%	0.16%	0.14%
	b) Worst affected BTSs due to downtime	<=2%	Day 1	0.00%	0.00%	0.01%	0.25%	0.00%	0.00%	0.11%	0.00%	1.19%	0.00%	0.00%	0.01%	0.00%
			Day 2	0.00%	0.00%	0.02%	0.31%	0.00%	0.00%	0.14%	0.08%	0.40%	0.00%	0.00%	0.02%	0.00%
Day 3			0.00%	0.00%	0.04%	0.25%	0.00%	0.00%	0.74%	0.09%	0.55%	0.00%	0.00%	0.01%	0.00%	
Connection Establishment (Accessibility)																
a) CSSR (Call Setup Success Rate)	>=95%	Day 1	100.00%	99.80%	98.62%	99.96%	99.16%	98.96%	99.74%	99.64%	99.23%	98.99%	99.45%	98.31%	98.56%	
		Day 2	99.00%	99.84%	98.53%	99.91%	99.18%	98.96%	99.74%	99.64%	99.25%	99.05%	99.55%	98.49%	98.89%	
		Day 3	100.00%	99.84%	98.83%	99.92%	99.35%	99.02%	99.75%	99.64%	99.30%	98.99%	99.53%	98.17%	99.50%	
b) SDCCH/PAGING Channel congestion	<=1%	Day 1	0.00%	0.08%	0.36%	0.14%	0.09%	0.05%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.05%	0.69%	0.38%	
		Day 2	0.00%	0.04%	0.92%	0.14%	0.15%	0.01%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.04%	0.78%	0.13%	
		Day 3	0.00%	0.04%	0.93%	0.10%	0.05%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.03%	0.83%	0.29%	
c) TCH congestion	<=2%	Day 1	0.00%	0.05%	1.38%	1.24%	0.84%	0.02%	0.03%	0.00%	0.00%	0.01%	0.06%	1.35%	0.54%	
		Day 2	0.00%	0.04%	1.47%	1.20%	0.82%	0.01%	0.03%	0.01%	0.00%	0.00%	0.03%	1.46%	0.17%	
		Day 3	0.00%	0.05%	1.17%	1.26%	0.65%	0.00%	0.02%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.04%	1.53%	0.30%	
Connection maintenance (Retain ability)																
3	a) CDR (Call Drop Rate)	<=2%	Day 1	0.00%	0.21%	0.51%	1.73%	0.62%	0.61%	0.16%	0.54%	0.03%	0.64%	0.28%	0.45%	0.28%
			Day 2	2.02%	0.22%	0.52%	1.67%	0.66%	0.60%	0.15%	0.56%	0.04%	0.58%	0.24%	0.49%	0.23%
			Day 3	0.35%	0.24%	0.49%	1.93%	0.60%	0.59%	0.15%	0.46%	0.05%	0.63%	0.20%	0.43%	0.28%
	b) Worst affected cells>3% TCH drop (Call drop) rate	<=3%	Day 1	3.81%	0.70%	2.54%	0.86%	1.91%	4.43%	0.00%	2.84%	0.03%	9.40%	3.66%	2.45%	1.91%
			Day 2	2.12%	0.66%	2.67%	0.73%	2.05%	4.23%	0.00%	2.89%	0.06%	9.10%	3.42%	2.87%	1.61%
			Day 3	3.39%	0.68%	2.33%	0.92%	1.84%	4.24%	0.00%	2.26%	0.08%	7.80%	2.78%	2.53%	1.52%
	c) Connections with good voice quality	>=95%	Day 1	98.87%	99.73%	99.67%	95.37%	97.30%	98.63%	99.18%	99.18%	99.73%	99.17%	99.83%	98.38%	98.41%
			Day 2	99.09%	99.73%	99.63%	95.02%	97.26%	98.67%	99.21%	99.18%	99.71%	99.05%	99.83%	98.56%	98.39%
			Day 3	99.46%	99.74%	99.78%	95.12%	97.34%	98.69%	99.27%	99.17%	99.73%	99.16%	99.82%	98.45%	98.37%
4	No. of POI's having >=0.5% POI congestion	<=0.5%	Day 1	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	
			Day 2	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	
			Day 3	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	

4.4.1 Network Availability

4.4.1.1 BTS accumulated downtime ($\leq 2\%$)

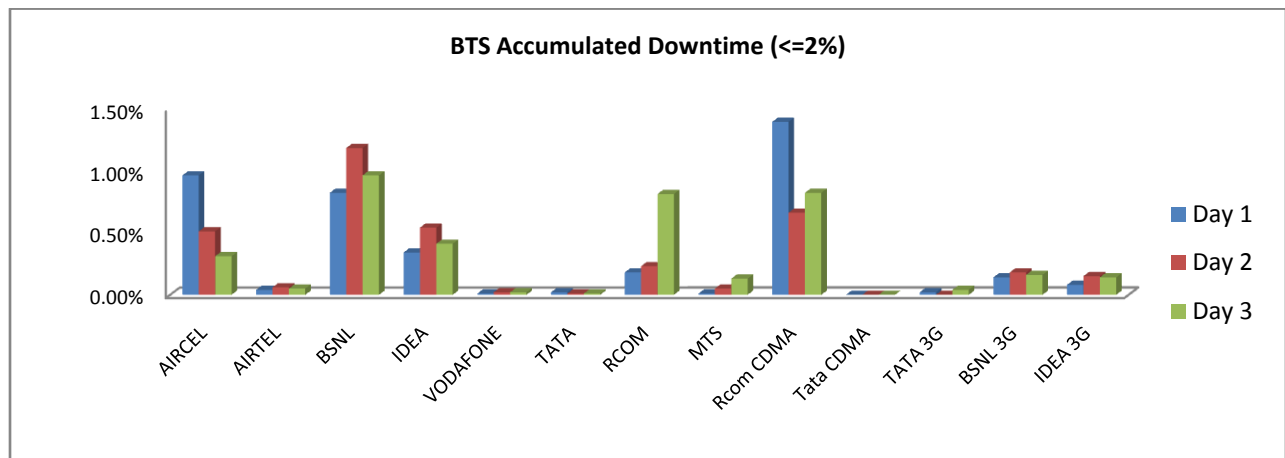


Fig. 4.4.1.1

- All operators are meeting the TRAI benchmarks **BTS accumulated downtime ($\leq 2\%$)** for 3 days live data taken in the month of audit except MTS for day 1.

4.4.1.2 Worst affected BTS due to downtime ($\leq 2\%$)

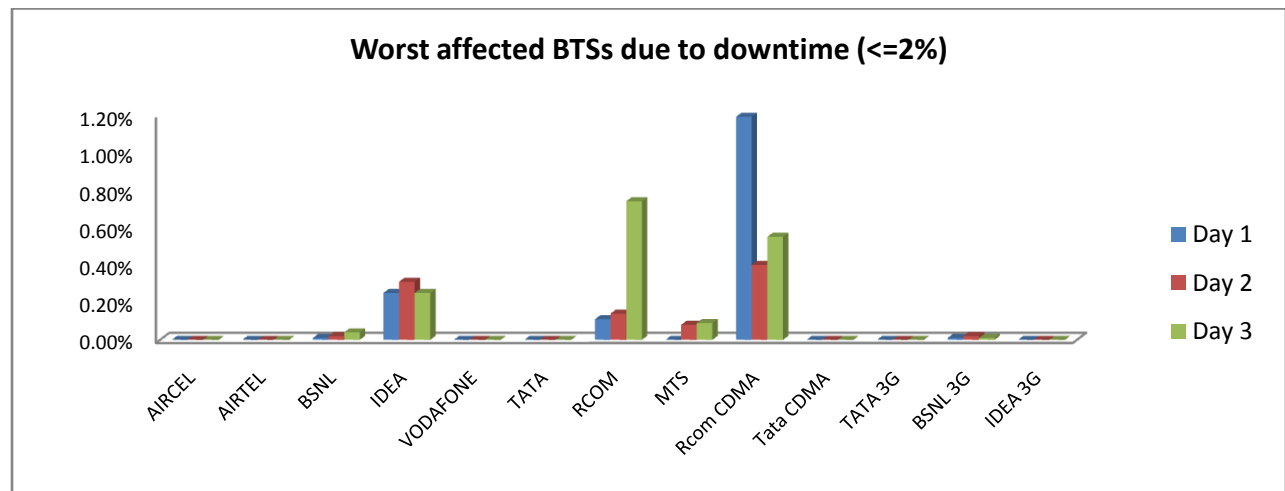


Fig. 4.4.1.2

- All operators are meeting the TRAI benchmarks **Worst affected BTS due to downtime ($\leq 2\%$)** for 3 days live data taken in the month of audit.

4.4.2 Connection establishment (Accessibility)

4.4.2.1 Call Setup Success Rate $\geq 95\%$

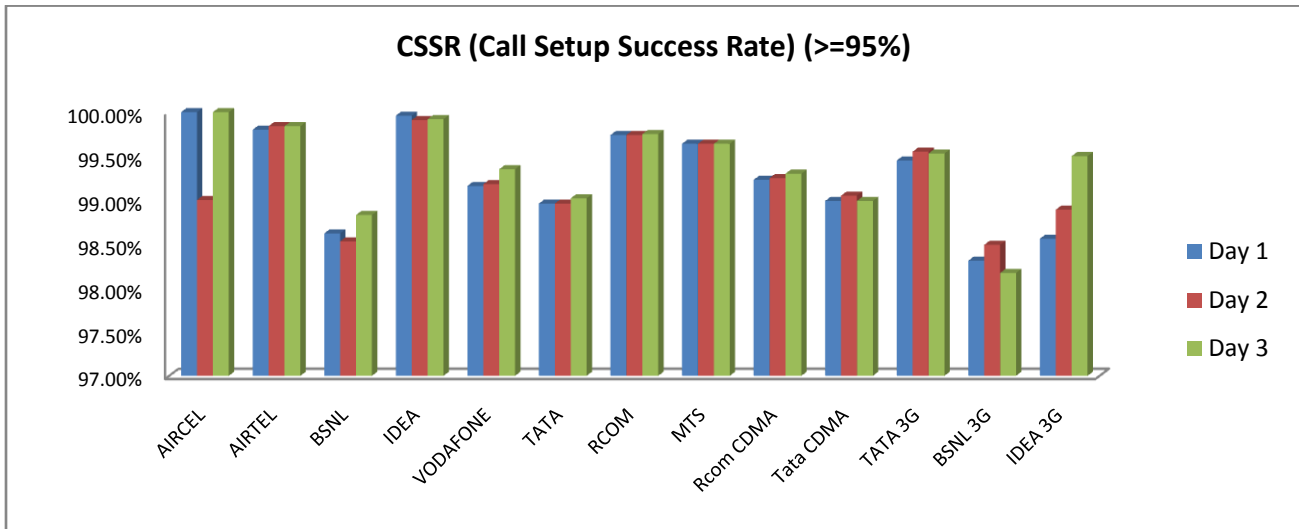


Fig. 4.4.2.1

- All operators are meeting the TRAI benchmarks ($\geq 95\%$) for 3 days live data taken in the month of audit.

4.4.2.2 SDCCH/ Paging Channel Congestion $\leq 1\%$

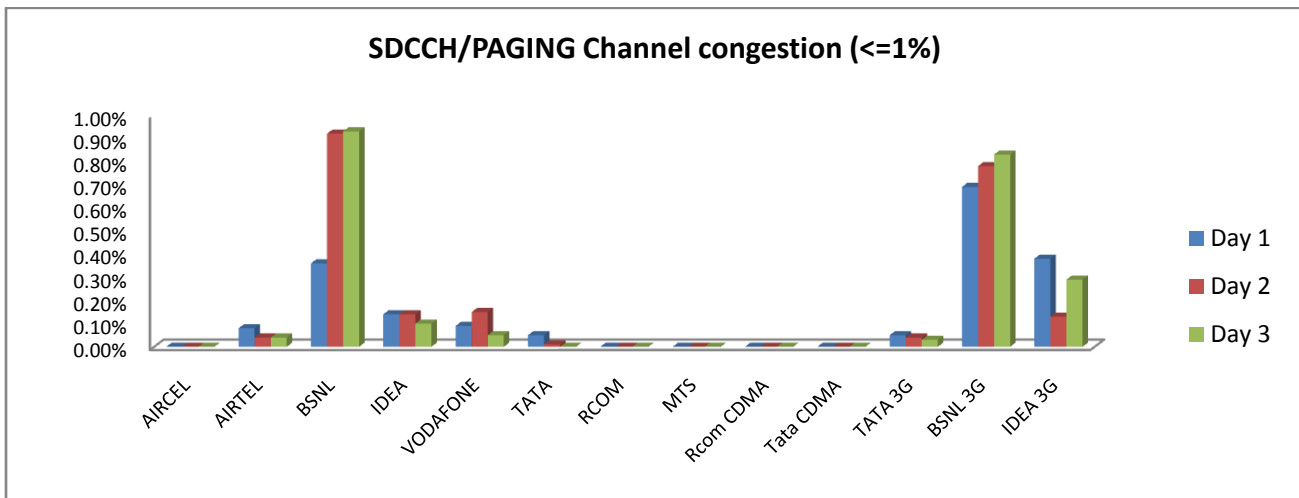


Fig. 4.4.2.2

- All operators are meeting the TRAI benchmarks ($\leq 1\%$) for 3 days live data taken in the month of audit.

4.4.2.3 TCH congestion $\leq 2\%$

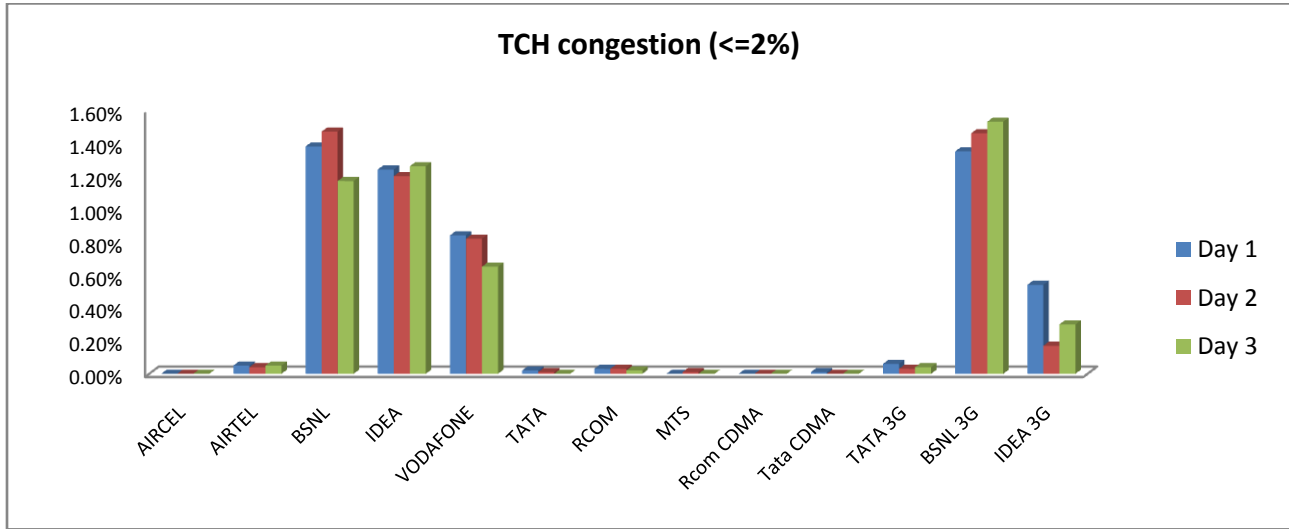


Fig. 4.4.2.3

- All operators are meeting the TRAI benchmarks ($\leq 2\%$) for 3 days live data taken in the month of audit.

4.4.3 Connection Maintainability (Retain ability)

4.4.3.1 Call Drop Rate $\leq 2\%$

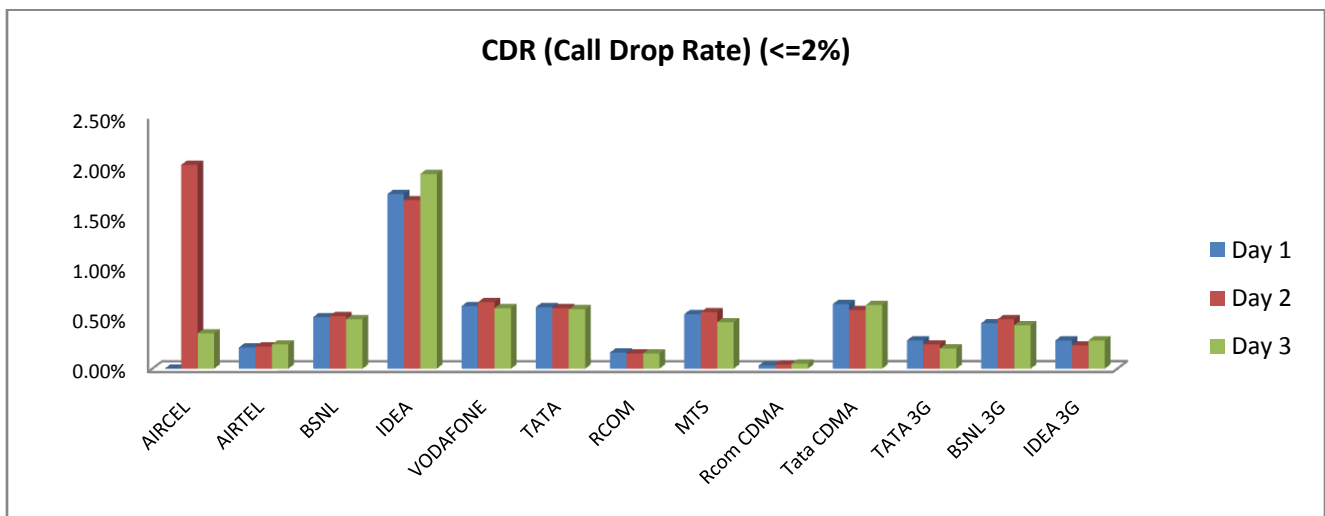


Fig. 4.4.3.1

- All operators are meeting the TRAI benchmarks ($\leq 2\%$) for 3 days live data taken in the month of audit except Aircel 2G for day2

4.4.3.2 Worst affected cells having more than 3% TCH drop (call drop) rate

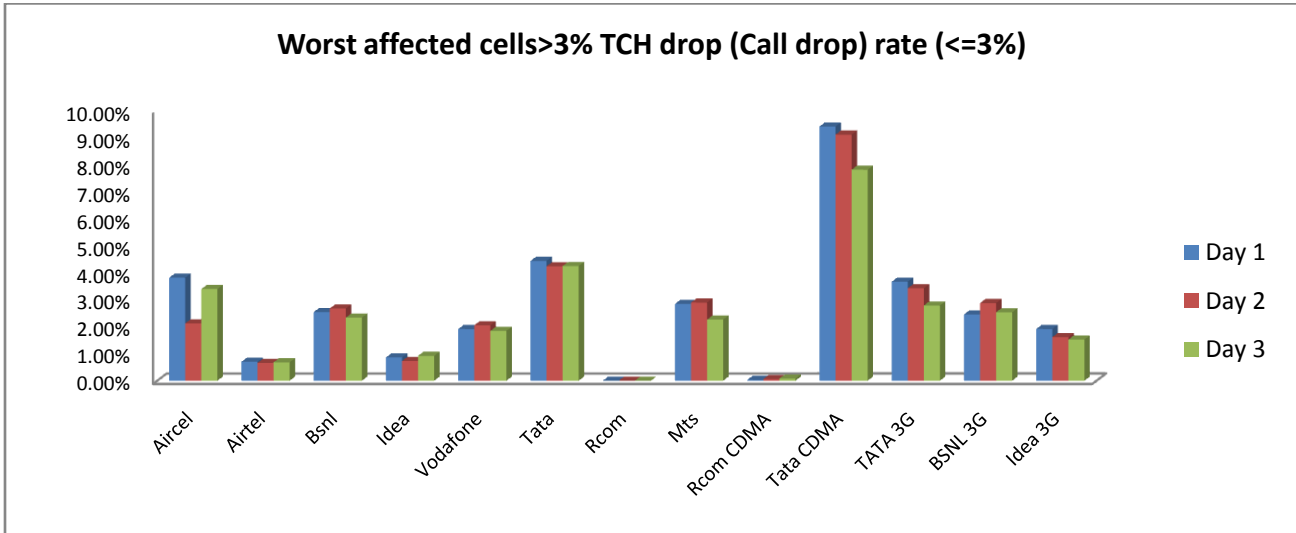


Fig. 4.4.3.2

- TATA (GSM & CDMA) is not meeting the benchmark for **worst affected cells having more than 3% TCH drop (call drop) rate** for all the 3 Days, TATA 3G for Day1 & Day2 and Aircel 2G for dau1 & day3.

4.4.3.3 % of Connections with good voice quality $\geq 95\%$

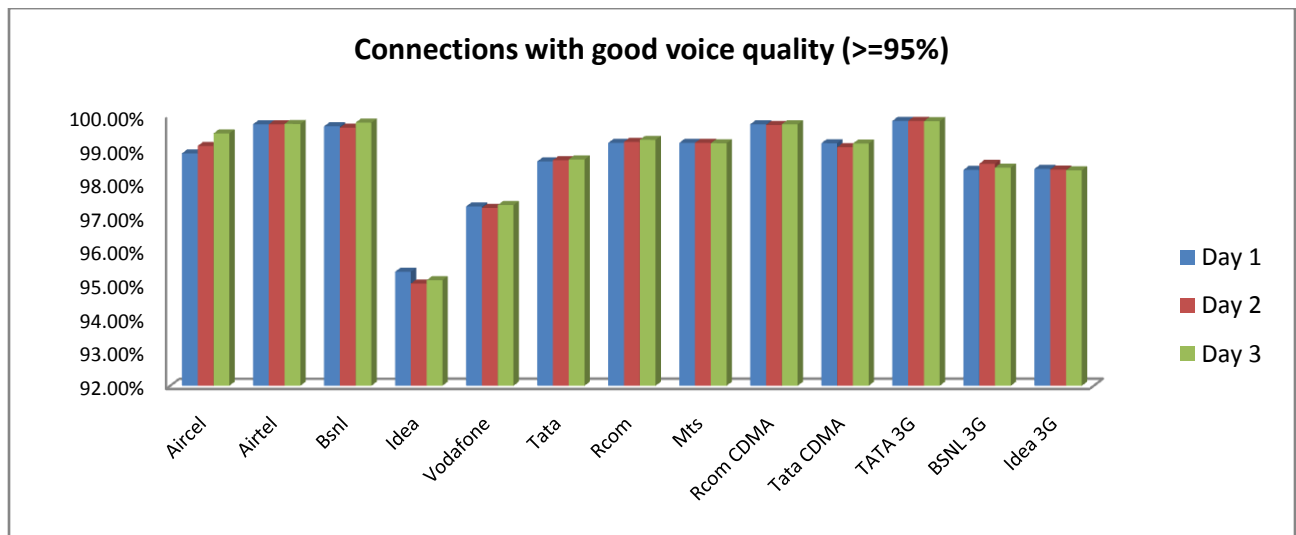


Fig. 4.4.3.3

- All operators are meeting the TRAI benchmarks ($\Rightarrow 95\%$) for 3 days live data taken in the month of audit.

4.4.3.4 Point of Interconnections (POI) congestion (on individual POI) $\leq 0.5\%$

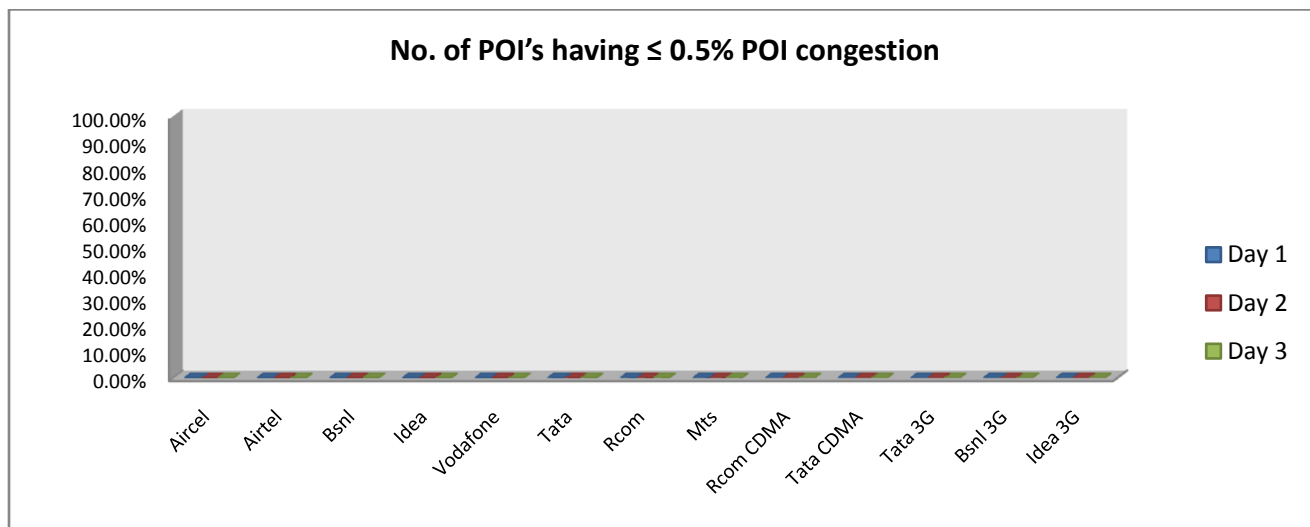


Fig. 4.4.3.4

- All operators are meeting the TRAI benchmarks ($\leq 0.5\%$) for 3 days live data taken in the month of audit.

CHAPTER-5: FINDINGS AND ANALYSIS

Verification of the Performance of Service Providers against the Quality of Service benchmarks laid down by TRAI using the data for the entire month during which the live measurement is carried out.

➤ As per PMR Data Verification Results for-

- **Kerala Circle (April'14)** - From the month Data Assessment, it is found that TATA (2G & CDMA) are not meeting the benchmark for worst affected cells having more than 3% TCH drop (call drop) rate.
- **Kerala Circle (May'14):** From the month Data Assessment, it is found that TATA (2G & CDMA) are not meeting the benchmark for worst affected cells having more than 3% TCH drop (call drop) rate
- **Kerala Circle (June'14):** TATA (2G & CDMA) Operators are not meeting the benchmark for **worst affected cells having more than 3% TCH drop (call drop) rate in Kerala** Circles for the month of June'14.
- **Kerala Circle(April- June'14):-** According to the summarized data for the month of April, May and June we found that only TATA (2G & CDMA) are not meeting the benchmark for **worst affected cells having more than 3% TCH drop (call drop) rate.**

➤ As per 3 Days Live Test Audit Report (4th Quarter), Kerala Circle:-

Verification of the Performance of Service Providers against the Quality of Service benchmarks laid down by TRAI using Live measurements for 3 days during the month in which the Audit and Assessment is carried out.

- TATA (2G & CDMA) is not meeting the benchmark for **worst affected cells having more than 3% TCH drop (call drop) rate** for all the 3 Days and TATA 3G for Day1 & Day2.
- Aircel is not meeting the benchmark for **worst affected cells having more than 3% TCH drop (call drop) rate** for Day1 & Day3 and **call drop rate (<=2%)** for Day2.

➤ **As per Operator Assisted Drive Test:**

The Operator Assisted Drive Test was conducted for all the Operators. Route covered was about 100 Km depending on city areas within the speed limit of 30-40 km/hour. In all the cities Zones were selected for covering different density areas (High/Medium/Low).

❖ **Kerala Circle:**

- Aircel not participated in Drive Test audit in Lakshadweep and Thrissur.
- In Lakshadweep only BSNL and Airtel participated.
- TATA CDMA failed to achieve Dropped Call KPI benchmark in Ernakulum.
- TATA CDMA failed to achieve voice quality parameter for 0-4 (w/o frequency hopping) in Ernakulum.
- IDEA, Vodafone and Rcom GSM failed to achieve benchmark the Voice Quality parameter (0-5 (with frequency hopping)) in Thrissur.
- IDEA, Vodafone and BSNL failed to achieve the benchmark voice quality parameter for 0-5 (with frequency hopping) in Ernakulum.
- BSNL is not meeting the benchmark for Call Setup Success Rate ($\geq 95\%$) in Lakshadweep.

➤ **Independent Drive Test:-**

The Independent Drive Test was conducted for 4 Operators in 10 different Area as per the customer complain data. Route covered was about 100 Km depending on city areas within the speed limit of 30-40 km/hour. In all the cities Zones were selected for covering different density areas (High/Medium/Low)

- BSNL in Ernakulum, Malappuram, Cherthala, Ottappalam, Changanassery, Adoor and Kayamkulam, Vodafone & Airtel in Kanhangad, BSNL & Airtel in Kasargod, Vodafone in Ottappalam are meeting not the benchmark for Blocked Call Rate $\leq 3\%$.
- BSNL in Ernakulum & Kayamkulam, Vodafone in Chalakudy, Ottappalam, BSNL, Airtel & Vodafone in Kanhangad, BSNL in Kasargod & Changanassery, Vodafone & BSNL in Malappuram and BSNL & Airtel in Adoor are not meeting the benchmark for Dropped Call Rate $\leq 2\%$.
- Only BSNL in Cherthala, Ottappalam, Changanassery and Adoor is not meeting the benchmark for Call Setup Success Rate ($\geq 95\%$).

- BSNL & Airtel in Ernakulum & Kayamkulam, Airtel in Chalakudy, Vodafone in Kanhangad, BSNL in Kasargod, Cherthala, Ottappalam, Changanassery and Adoor are not meeting the benchmark for Hand over Success Rate $\geq 98\%$.
- Idea, Vodafone & BSNL in Ernakulum, Malappuram, Cherthala, Chalakudy, Kanhangad, Kasargod, Adoor, Kayamkulam and Changanassery, Idea & Vodafone in Ottappalam and TATA GSM in Cherthala are not meeting the benchmark for Voice Quality Parameters $\geq 95\%$.

➤ **Basic Telephone Service (Wireline) Providers:-**

- From the Month data table, it was observed that BSNL is not meeting the benchmark for "fault repair", "MTTR" & " Answer to seizure Ratio (ASR)" parameters and rest of the operators are meeting the benchmark. However some data are not available in for some operators.

➤ **Broadband Service Providers:-**

- From the Month data table, it was observed that all the operators are meeting the benchmark; however some data are not available of some operators

➤ **Level 1 Live Calling (Emergency No.) Q4**

- Level 1 calling such as calling at emergency no. like Police, Fire, and Ambulance were made so as to check the service of such short codes. In different cities of Kerala it was found to be functional and in Lakshadweep only BSNL & Airtel was available and in Thirusur Aircel was not available.

➤ **Performance (live calling for billing complaints):**

- We have made live calling to customers as per their complaints details and we verified their complaint and we found that most of the complaints are resolved within the time line and all the operators are meeting the TRAI benchmarks.

➤ **Live calling to call centre:-**

- In live calling to call centers we found that all the operators are meeting their benchmark except Rcom GSM for both Calls got connected to agent within 60 Sec and %age of calls got answered are not meeting the benchmark

➤ **Inter Operator Call Assessment**

- In the inter-operator call assessment test, calls were made from one operator to other operator so as to check congestion on both the operators' network. In such cases, the radio part, switch part and the POI in between the operators are involved and hence if any congestion is found in the network, it may be due to any of these parts. The result shows that there is not much congestion on the operator network; however the congestion was shown with all the operators BSNL, Vodafone, Airtel, Rcom, Tata, Idea, Aircel and MTS service provider.

➤ **CUSTOMER SERVICE QUALITY PARAMETERS**

❖ **4th Quarter data Assessment (Kerala Circle)**

- According to the parameter metering/billing credibility post-paid in the table **3.7.1** we found that all the service providers are meeting the benchmark.
- According to the parameter metering /billing credibility pre-paid in the table **3.7.1** we found that all the service providers are meeting the benchmark.
- According to the parameter Resolution of billing/ charging complaints in the table **3.7.1** we found that the TATA GSM service provider is not meeting the benchmark.
- According to the parameter Period of applying credit/waiver/adjustment to the customer's account from the date of resolutions of complaints in the table **3.7.1** we found that all the service providers are meeting the benchmark.
- According to the parameter Accessibility of call centre/Customer Care in the table **3.7.1** we found that all the service providers are meeting the benchmark.
- According to the parameter % call answered by operators (voice to voice) within 60 sec in the table **3.7.1** we found that the Airtel, BSNL, Rcom (GSM & CDMA) and TATA GSM service providers are not meeting the benchmark.
- According to the parameter no. of requests for Termination / Closure of service complied within 7 days during the quarter in the table **3.7.1** we found that all the service providers are meeting the benchmark.
- According to the parameter Time taken for refunds of deposits after closures in the table **3.7.1** we found that Idea is not meeting the benchmark.