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To,

The Secretary
Department of Telecommunications
Ministry of Communications
Sanchar Bhawan, Ashoka Road
New Delhi – 110 001

Subject: Recommendations on 'Improving Telecom Connectivity/ Infrastructure in far-flung areas of Himachal Pradesh' – regarding.

Considering the poor telecom connectivity situation in some parts of hilly state of Himachal Pradesh (HP) and to address the digital divide in the state, the Authority had interaction with relevant stakeholders viz Department of Information Technology (DIT) of the Govt. of HP, seniors state government officials, Telecom Service Providers, Bharat Broadband network Limited (BBNL) and local consumer representatives. The Authority has identified four worst affected revenue districts i.e Lahaul & Spiti, Chamba, Kullu and Mandi, in the state where there is a need to take suitable action to improve coverage/connectivity gaps.

2. To access the present status of telecom infrastructure gap and to also bridge the extant digital divide in the state, TRAI obtained the current status of available telecom network connectivity in above mentioned four districts from operating TSPs, BBNL, USOF, Power generation/ transmission companies operating in the state and analyzed data for gaps in telecom infrastructure.

3. Based on the extensive gap analysis, the Authority made its recommendations on '**Improving Telecom Connectivity/ Infrastructure in far-flung areas of Himachal Pradesh**'. The same is enclosed herewith.

4. In keeping with the practice, a copy of this letter, along with the recommendations, is being placed on the website of TRAI (www.trai.gov.in).

Enclosure: As above

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