

**PRADIP BAIJAL**

**CHAIRMAN**

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Dear Shri Arora,

During the process of consultation last year on various issues relating to cable television, the issue of digitalisation of cable television had also come up. It was indicated that TRAI would examine this issue separately. Accordingly a Consultation Paper was issued on 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2005 focussing on the various issues concerning digitalisation of cable television.

2. After receiving comments from a number of stakeholders, open house discussions were also held in Delhi and in Mumbai. After considering all the comments and views of the stakeholders TRAI has finalised its recommendations on digitalisation of cable television. This issue is linked to the issue of addressability on which TRAI has separately given its recommendations in October last year. Accordingly no recommendations on CAS/addressability have been provided in these recommendations which focus on the process of digitalisation. Attached with this letter are the recommendations on the subject (Annexure-A), the Consultation Paper issued by TRAI (Annexure-B) and the Press Note issued in this regard (Annexure-C).
3. The recommendations along with the text of this letter have been placed today on the TRAI's website [www.traigov.in](http://www.traigov.in) for public information as per usual practice.

Yours sincerely,

**(Pradip Baijal)**

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