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## **Telecom Regulatory Authority of India**

## TRAI Releases Recommendations on 'Auction of Spectrum'

New Delhi, 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2012- The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has today issued its recommendations on the "Auction of Spectrum".

The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in its Judgment dated 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2012 in the writ petitions no 423/2010 and 10/2011, had directed TRAI to make fresh recommendations for grant of licence and allocation of spectrum in 2G band in 22 Service Areas by auction.

The Department of Telecommunications (DoT), vide its letter No. P-11014/02/2012-PP dated 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2012, had sought the recommendations of TRAI, in light of the Hon'ble Supreme Court judgement dated 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2012 on grant of Licences and allocation of spectrum in 2G band.

Accordingly, TRAI issued a pre-consultation paper on 03<sup>rd</sup> February, 2012, on the issue of "Allocation of spectrum in 2G band in 22 Service Areas by auction". Based on the comments received from the stakeholders and considering the international practices, a Consultation paper on "Auction of Spectrum" was issued on 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2012. Written comments, on the issues raised in the consultation paper, were invited from the stakeholders by 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2012 and counter-comments by 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2012. The comments and counter comments received from the stakeholders were placed on TRAI's website www.trai.gov.in. An Open House Discussion was conducted by TRAI with all the stakeholders on 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2012 at New Delhi. Based on inputs received during the consultation process and in-house analysis, the Authority has come out with its recommendations on 'Auction of Spectrum'.

The recommendations are available on TRAI's website www.trai.gov.in

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