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Telecom Regulatory Authority of India

TRAI releases Consultation Paper on “Allocation and Pricing of Microwave Access (MWA) and Microwave Backbone (MWB) RF carriers”.

New Delhi, 28th March, 2014 – The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has today released the Consultation Paper (CP) on “Allocation and Pricing of Microwave Access (MWA) and Microwave Backbone (MWB) RF carriers”.

On 26th November 2012, the DoT requested the Authority to furnish its recommendations for “Allocation and pricing of Microwave Access (MWA) and Microwave Backbone (MWB) RF carriers” in terms of clause 11(1) (a) of the TRAI Act 1997 as amended. Subsequent to the reference, TRAI sought certain information on the subject from DoT. After receipt of information, TRAI has prepared this consultation paper raising specific issues for consideration of stakeholders viz. number of microwave carriers need to be assigned to TSPs in case of 2G, 3G and BWA technologies, preferred mechanism of assignment of MWA/MWB carriers to the TSPs i.e. ‘exclusive basis assignment’ or ‘link-to-link based assignment, administrative assignment or assignment through auction, criteria for allocation of additional carriers, pricing mechanism for carriers, exploration of options for assignment of MWA carriers in all the spectrum bands in 6-42 GHz range and assignment of MWA carriers in higher frequency bands viz. E-band and V-band. The paper has been placed on TRAI’s website www.trai.gov.in.

Written comments on the issues raised in the consultation paper are invited from the stakeholders by 21st April 2014 and counter-comments by 28th April 2014.

The comments and counter-comments may be sent, preferably in electronic form at advmn@trai.gov.in. For any clarification/ information Shri Sanjeev Banzal, Advisor (NSL), TRAI may be contacted at Tel. No. +91-11-23210481.


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