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Respected Sir,

I am writing to respond to TRAI Consultation Paper on "Assignment of Spectrum for Space-based Communication Services". We would like to express our support for the use of administrative assignment for the assignment of satellite spectrum.

As all are aware, satellite spectrum is a critical resource for satellite communications, with applications ranging from high-speed internet to disaster management and remote sensing. Given the criticality of this, it is important to ensure that the spectrum is assigned in a way that is efficient and effective.

An auction-based approach to spectrum assignment has several drawbacks. First, it can lead to fragmentation of the spectrum, which can make it difficult for operators to provide efficient services. Second, it can lead to high prices for spectrum, which can make it difficult for smaller operators to enter the market. Third, it can lead to uncertainty for operators, which can make it difficult for them to plan and invest in their networks.

An administrative assignment approach, by contrast, can address these drawbacks. First, it can ensure that the spectrum is assigned in a contiguous block, which makes it easier for operators to provide efficient services. Second, it can keep the price of spectrum low, which makes it easier for smaller operators to enter the market. Third, it can provide certainty for operators, which makes it easier for them to plan and invest in their networks.

In conclusion, we consider that administrative assignment is the best approach for the assignment of satellite spectrum. It is efficient, effective, and fair. We strongly recommend including administrative approach in your final recommendations.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,



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