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**TRAI issues Recommendations on Issues relating to Uplinking
Downlinking of Television channels in India**

New Delhi, 22July, 2010 - The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) today released the recommendations on issues relating to Uplinking-Downlinking of TV channels in India.

In view of increasing number of TV channels, the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting had requested TRAI to furnish its recommendations on review of policy on uplinking and downlinking of TV channels in India.

The key recommendations in this regard are as under:

- (a) There should be no cap on number of satellite based TV channels meant for downlinking and uplinking from India;
- (b) Networth requirements to be revised for news and non-news TV channels and teleports;
- (c) Eligibility criteria for registration of a TV channel to be revised to include experience in media sector;
- (d) The period of permission for uplinking/downlinking permission to be made uniform for 10 years;
- (e) Permission fee to be revised and charged annually. Transfer of permission not to be permitted; and,
- (f) India to be developed as a teleport hub.

The full text of the review of the recommendations is available on TRAI's website: www.traai.gov.in

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