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TRAI releases consultation paper on Policy issues on uplinking/downlinking television channels in India

New Delhi, 15th March, 2010- The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has today released a consultation paper on-“Policy issues on uplinking/downlinking television channels in India”.

2. The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting had vide its letter dated 8th October, 2009 requested TRAI to give its recommendations on various issues including, inter alia, cap on number of satellite television channels, eligibility criteria for and process of granting permission and guidelines to develop the country into a teleport/hub for uplinking/turnaround of TV channels which are not meant for viewing in India.

3. The above reference received from Ministry was earlier placed on TRAI website to solicit preliminary views of the stakeholders on the subject. Taking into account the preliminary views of the stakeholders, TRAI has issued a consultation paper on the subject. The Authority has invited all stakeholders to respond to the issues raised in this consultation paper by 5th April, 2010. Comments will be posted on TRAI website as and when received. Counter comments, if any, to the comments received may be sent to TRAI by 15th April, 2010. The full text of the consultation paper is available on TRAI's website: www.traigov.in .

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