

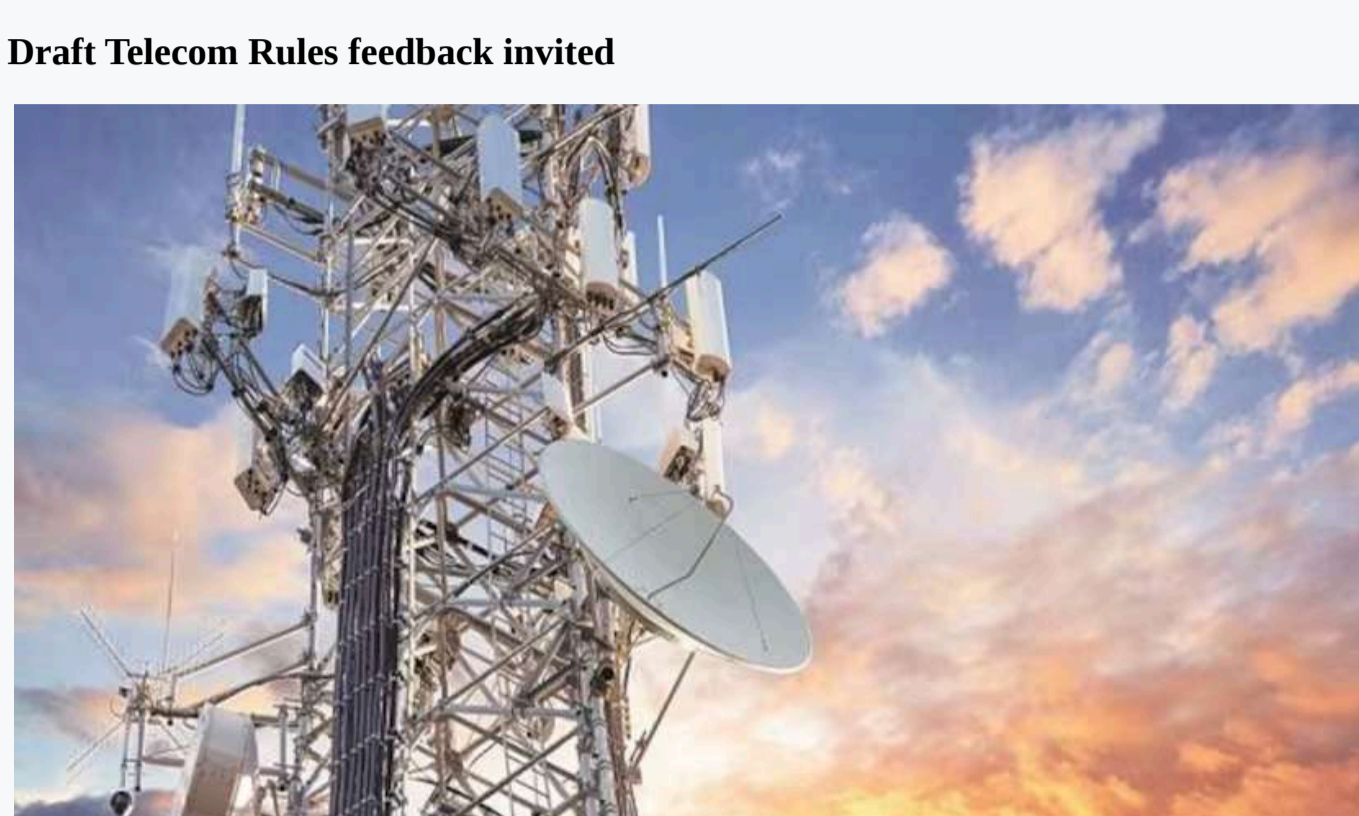
**ITU-R Working Party 5D (WP-5D) meeting**



ITU-R convened a meeting of Working Party 5D from 4 February (Tuesday) to 13 February 2025 (Thursday), at ITU Headquarter, Geneva, Switzerland in a hybrid mode. Shri Bharat Bhatia, President, IAFI along with other IAFI members attended the meeting physically and many other IAFI members attended the meeting virtually. Shri Bharat Bhatia is participating in the meeting as Chairman, WG (General Aspect) and attended many SWG/DG meeting as a representative from India. During the WP-5D plenary meeting, Shri Bhatia also presented a report about the activities to be performed during the meeting. A number of IAFI members and office bearers are participating in various official positions – Shri Jitendra Singh as Chairman of SWG Specific Applications, Shri Punit Rathod as chairman of DG 7 GHz, and Shri Sendil Kumar Devar as Chair of DG in Evaluation Group

The agenda of the meeting included consideration of 149 input documents. IAFI presented the seven contributions and all were thoroughly discussed. There were 38 contributions on WRC-27 Agenda Item 1.7, 21 contributions on IMT-MSS and 20 contributions on IMT Characteristics.

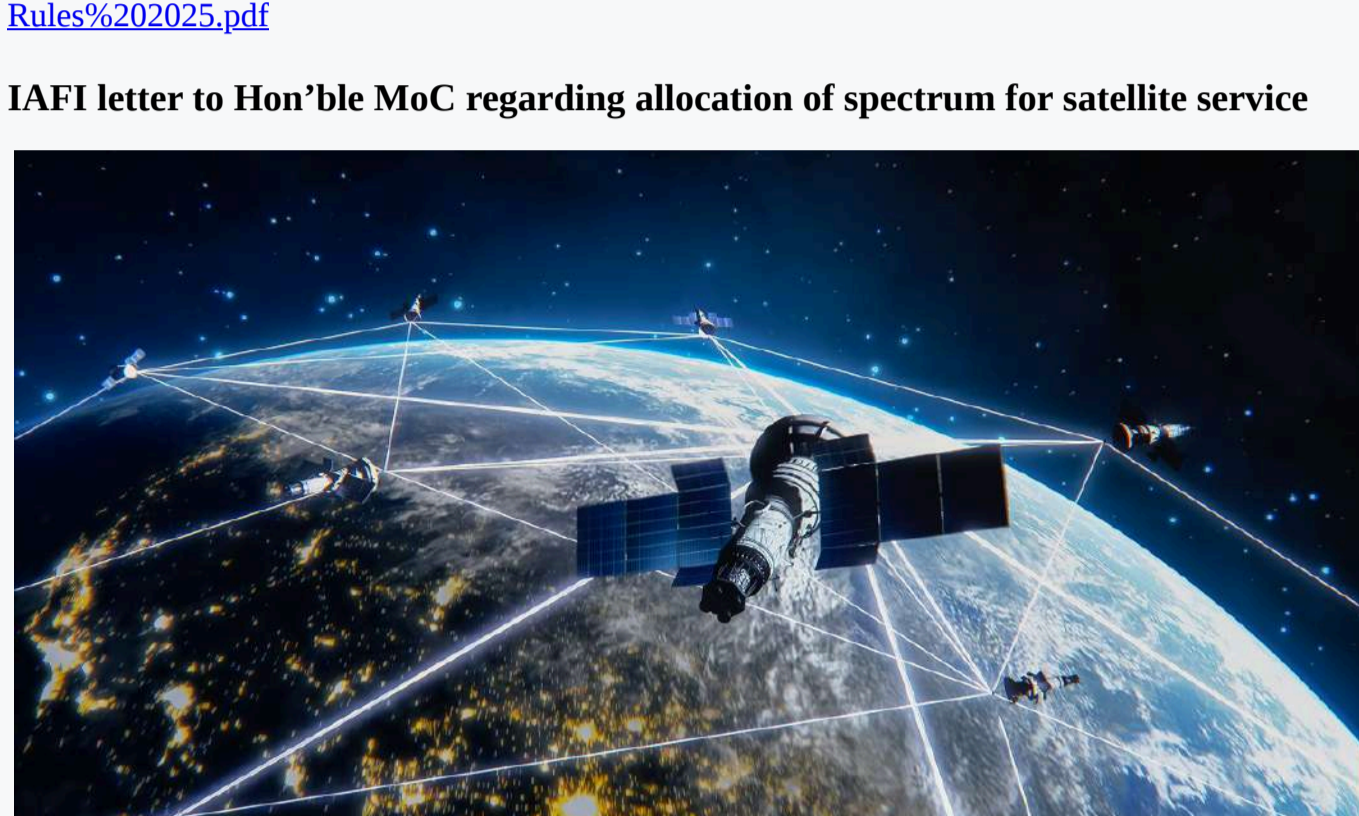
**Draft Telecom Rules feedback invited**



To comply with the Telecommunication Act 2023 for the development of new Telecom Rules, the Ministry of Communication released a draft of the new rule on Standards, Conformity Assessment, and Certification Rules, 2025 (Notification G.S.R. 82(E)) on January 30, 2025. The notification solicited feedback from all stakeholders over a 30-day period, after which the rules will be finalized, superseding the Indian Telegraph (Amendment) Rules, 2017. The IAFI has shared the draft with its members and industry partners, encouraging them to submit any comments for IAFI to forward to the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) for consideration.

Notification referred above can be seen at <https://dot.gov.in/sites/default/files/Draft%20Telecommunications%20Standards%20Conformity%20Assessment%20and%20Certification%20Rules%202025.pdf>

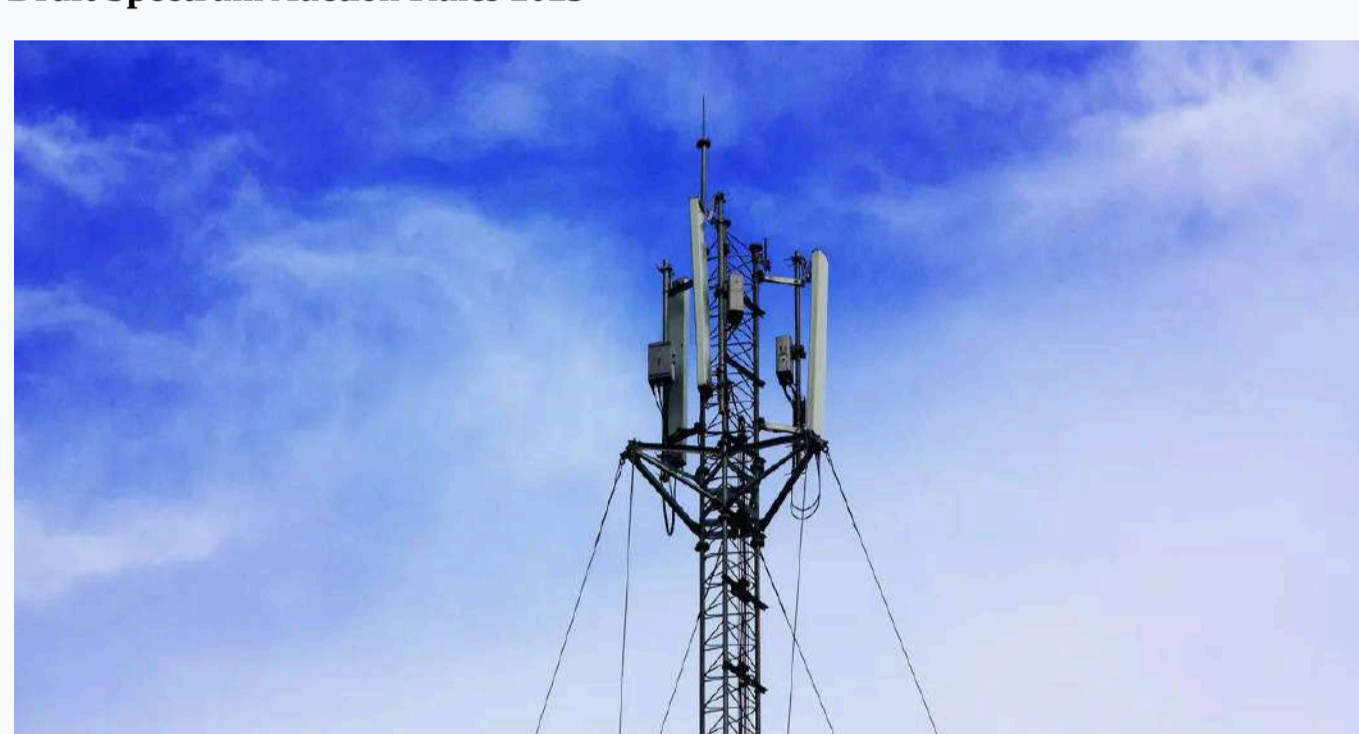
**IAFI letter to Hon'ble MoC regarding allocation of spectrum for satellite service**



On 05 th Feb, 2025 IAFI written a letter to the Honourable Minister of Communications, Shri Jyotiraditya Scindia, calling for urgent action to allocate spectrum and provide regulatory clarity for satellite services. IAFI emphasized the critical need to expedite spectrum assignments for Non-Geostationary Satellite Orbit (NGSO) systems to ensure India's leadership in the global satellite communication sector. IAFI highlighted the crucial role of satellite communications in bridging the digital divide, especially in remote and underserved regions. IAFI further emphasized that the reliable, high-speed internet is essential for economic growth, social inclusion, and development, and urges the Ministry to finalize licensing norms and expedite pending spectrum allocations.

Read More: <https://www.communicationstoday.co.in/iafi-urges-immediate-spectrum-allocation-for-satellite-services/>

**Draft Spectrum Auction Rules 2025**



To comply with the Telecommunication Act 2023 for the development of new Telecom Rules, the Ministry of Communication released a draft of the new rule on Assignment of Spectrum through Auction Rules, 2025, G.S.R.94(E) on January 31, 2025. The notification solicited feedback from all stakeholders over a 30-day period, after which the rules will be finalized, superseding the Indian Telegraph (Amendment) Rules, 2017. The IAFI has shared the draft with its members and industry partners, encouraging them to submit any comments for IAFI to forward to the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) for consideration.

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**TRAI Recommendation regarding Revision of National Numbering Plan**

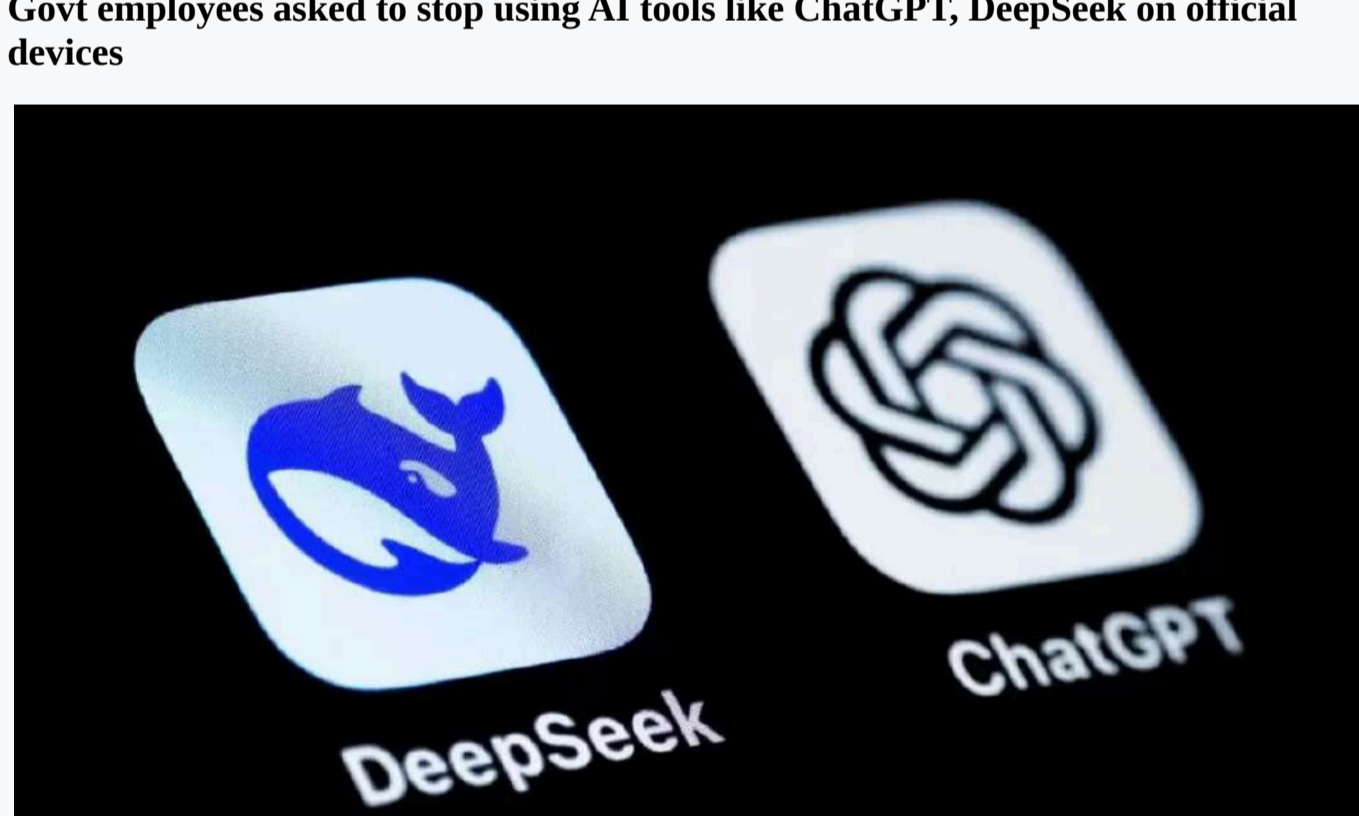


The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on 06-02-2025 issued recommendations on Revision of National Numbering Plan. Telecommunication Identifiers (TIs)/ Numbering resources are used to uniquely identify a telecom user, service, network elements, equipment, or an authorised entity. TRAI received a reference dated 29.9.2022 from DoT seeking recommendations to address constraints related to the availability of adequate fixed line numbering resources arising out of rapid growth and the revised National Numbering Plan. DoT had also requested examination and recommendations on the aspects related to the Fixed-line numbering Scheme, level '1' short-codes numbering resources, Service Control Point (SCP) codes, National Signalling Point (SP) Codes for signalling, Mobile Country Code-Mobile Network Code (MCC-MNC) for Captive Non-Public Network (CNPN), M2M numbering resources, Intelligent Network Services, and Number Portability Codes (Location Routing Number).

Accordingly, TRAI issued a Consultation Paper on 06 th June 2024 and an Open House Discussion (OHD) was also arranged on 08th October 2024. Based on the comments/ inputs received from the stakeholders and discussions held during OHD, TRAI issue Recommendations on 'Revision of National Numbering Plan' on 06 th Feb, 2025.

Further details regarding TRAI recommendations can be seen at [https://www.traigov.in/sites/default/files/2025-02/Recommendation\\_06022025.pdf](https://www.traigov.in/sites/default/files/2025-02/Recommendation_06022025.pdf)

**Govt employees asked to stop using AI tools like ChatGPT, DeepSeek on official devices**



India's finance ministry has asked its employees to avoid using AI tools including ChatGPT and DeepSeek for official purposes, citing risks posed to confidentiality of government documents and data. The circular, dated 29th January 2025, aims to protect confidential government data from potential security threats. Countries like Australia and Italy have placed similar restrictions on the use of DeepSeek, citing data security risks.

**Important Meeting that IAFI will attend**

Meeting	Dates	Submission Dates
ITU-R Working Party 5D (WP 5D)	04th - 13th Feb 2025	23th Jan 2025
ITU-R Working Party 6C (WP 6C) - Programme production and quality assessment	03rd - 07th Mar 2025	22nd Feb 2025
ITU-T SG13 - Future networks and emerging network technologies	03rd - 14th Mar 2025	22nd Feb 2025
ITU-R Working Party 6A (WP 6A) - Terrestrial broadcasting delivery	05th - 12th Mar 2025	24th Feb 2025
ITU-R Working Party 6B (WP 6B) - Broadcast service assembly and access	10th - 13th Mar 2025	28th Feb 2025
ITU-R Study Group 6 (SG 6)	14th Mar 2025	02nd Mar 2025
ITU-R Working Party 7B (WP 7B) - Space radiocommunication applications	17th - 26th Mar 2025	05th Mar 2025
ITU-R Working Party 7C (WP 7C) - Remote sensing systems	17th - 26th Mar 2025	05th Mar 2025
ITU-R Working Party 7D (WP 7D) - Radio astronomy	17th - 26th Mar 2025	05th Mar 2025
ITU-R Radio Regulations Board (RRB)	17th - 21st Mar 2025	05th Mar 2025
APT: The 3rd Meeting of the APT Preparatory Group for WTDC-25 (APT WTDC25-3)	17th - 18th Mar 2025	07th Mar 2025
ITU-D Regional Preparatory Meeting for Asia & Pacific for WTDC-25	20th - 21st Mar 2025	08th Mar 2025

**Telecom Stories:**



New Delhi: Union Communication & Information Technology Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia on Thursday said that mobile phone tariff has come down by 94% since 2014. Replying to a supplementary on an oral question, Scindia said, "There are 90 crore mobile phone subscribers. Today there are 116 crore mobile phone subscribers. If we talk about internet penetration, there were 25 crore subscribers in 2014 and today the number is 97.44 crore." The minister explained that when the number of consumers increases then it is necessary that there should be monitoring of tariffs. He told the House that the one minute call used to cost 50 paise in 2014 and at present it is three paise which reflects a 94% dip in cost structure. He further informed that the cost of one GB broadband (speed) was Rs 270 per GB in 2014, which has come down to Rs 9.70 per GB reflecting 93% drop in tariff.



The Government announced Satellite Communication Reforms in October, 2022 and Indian Space Policy in April, 2023. The Satellite Communication Reforms-2022 have facilitated the ease-of-doing business, streamlined a number of processes and reduced financial charges on the licensees. As a result of the recent Space Sector reforms, many satellite operators have shown interest and applied for authorization for providing the satellite capacity over India. It is envisaged that the above reforms will lead to better quality and affordable services.



New Delhi: Telecom operators can look forward to buying more 5G spectrum soon, with the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai) giving recommendations for auction of nearly 3000 MHz airwaves in the millimeter wave (mmWave) band.