

THE WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY

IAFI News

IAFI Comments to TRAI – 19-11-2024



The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) released a Consultation Paper on October 22, 2024, addressing the Terms and Conditions of Network Authorizations to be granted under the Telecommunications Act of 2023. The IAFI reviewed the consultation paper and, after discussions with industry partners, submitted their comments to TRAI on November 19, 2024. In its response, the IAFI urged TRAI to adopt progressive policies under the Telecommunications Act of 2023 and highlighted key reforms needed to ensure robust telecom infrastructure, equitable spectrum access, and an innovation-friendly regulatory environment. These include empowering enterprises with private 5G networks and streamlining regulatory frameworks.

These comments have been published on TRAI's website. IAFI response was covered in a IAFI press release advocating for transformative telecom policy reforms to unlock India's digital potential, the ITU-APT Foundation of India (IAFI) has called for spectrum allocation and streamlined registration processes for satellite gateway earth stations. The press release also quoted IAFI President Shri Bharat Bhatia emphasizing that these recommendations aim to align India's telecom ecosystem with global best practices and promote innovation across industries. He believes that ensuring equitable access to spectrum will be crucial in catalysing India's journey towards becoming a global digital leader.

Read More: <https://www.communicationstoday.co.in/iafi-calls-for-transformative-reforms-in-telecom-policy-to-unlock-indias-digital-potential/>

Meeting of the WG-1 of NFAP-2022

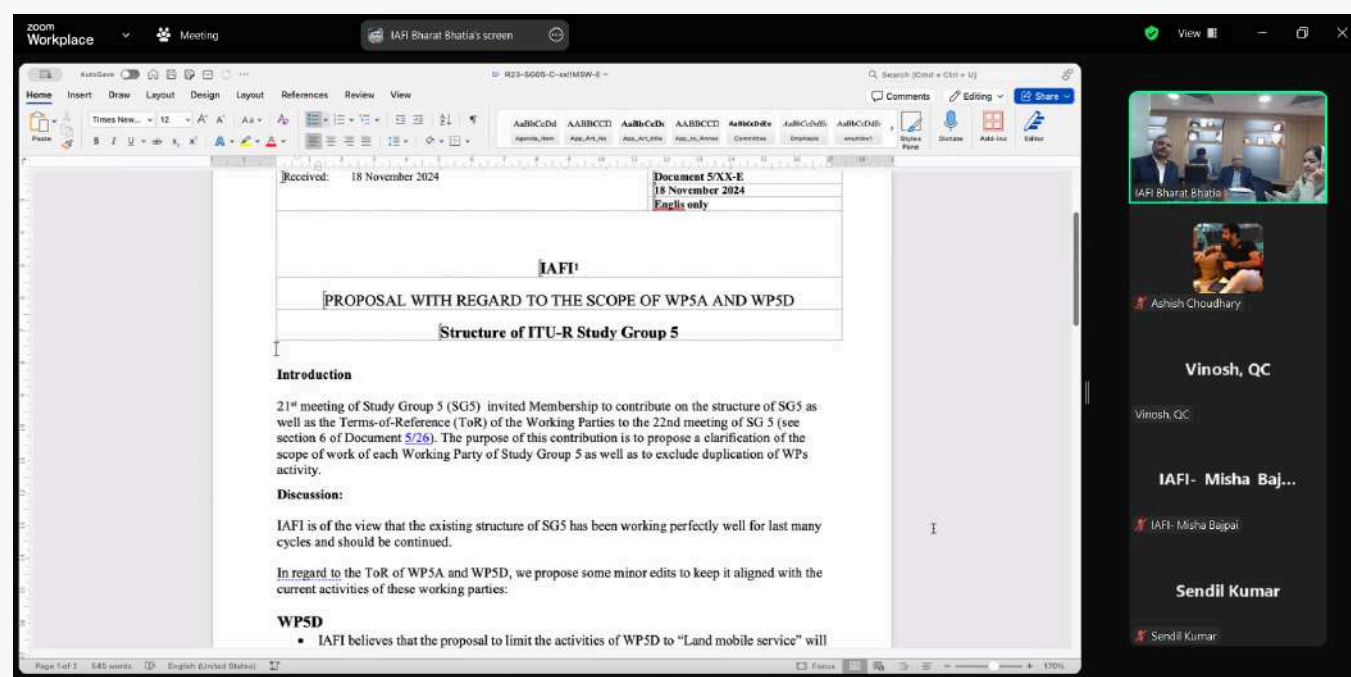


4th Meeting of the Working Group-1 (Freq. upto 1 GHz) of NFAP-2022 Review/Revision was held on 20.11.2024, under the Chairmanship of Shri Viresh Goel, Joint Wireless Adviser, WPC Wing, DoT, in the virtual mode. Last Meeting of WG-1 (3rd) was held on 08th Oct, 2024, where IAFI submitted the following three contributions.

- Revised footnote IND 16 for IMT identification in multiple frequency bands - 612-960 MHz, 1427- 1518 MHz, 1710-2200 MHz, 2300-2450 MHz, 2500-2690 MHz, 3300- 3670 MHz, 24.25- 27.5 GHz, 37-43.5 GHz, 47.2- 48.2 GHz, 66-71 GHz.
- Proposal for NB-IOT use in 918-922 MHz - 867-868 MHz, 918-922 MHz.
- Proposal for PMSE - 174-230 MHz and 470- 698 MHz.

Shri Bharat Bhatia, President, IAFI attended the meeting and all above documents were discussed alongwith many other proposals.

IAFI Radio Group meeting regarding SG-5/WP-5D



The IAFI Radio Group convened a hybrid meeting on November 20, 2024, to finalize its contributions for the upcoming meetings of ITU-R Study Group 5 (SG-5) and Working Party 5D (WP-5D). SG-5, focused on terrestrial services, will hold its 22nd meeting in Geneva, Switzerland from December 2-3, 2024. WP-5D, which deals with IMT systems, will meet from February 4-13, 2025, with a contribution submission deadline of January 23, 2025. During the meeting, Shri Bharat Bhatia, President, IAFI chaired the discussions on a contribution concerning the Terms of Reference (ToR) of working parties under SG-5. IAFI believes the existing SG-5 working structure is quite effective and should be maintained. IAFI proposed minor revisions to the ToR for working parties WP-5A and WP-5D to better reflect current activities. The meeting also included deliberations for contributions to be submitted in the upcoming WP-5D meeting.

IAFI submitted two contributions to upcoming FG-CD meeting



Next meeting of the Focus Group on Costing Model for Affordable Data will be held virtually on 26-11-2024. The ITU-T Focus Group - Costing Model was established under ITU-T Study Group 3 on 10th March 2023. The Term of Reference (ToR) of the Focus Group is to analyse the supply-chain of telecom/ICT, the multiple cost models and pricing strategies used for mobile data services and Internet services and study the policy, economic, regulatory and standardization aspects related to cost models for affordable data services, including best practices of cost assessment methodologies and economic models.

IAFI submitted two contributions for the upcoming meeting, as detailed below.

- FG-CD-I-065 - The Role of IPv6 in Optimizing Network Infrastructure and Reducing Internet Data Cost.
- FG-CD-I-064 - Challenges in providing Affordable Data in a Complex Market.

TRAI Consultation Papers

Consultation Papers	Submission Dates	Status	Submission
The Terms and Conditions of Network Authorisations to be Granted Under the Telecommunications Act, 2023	19th Nov 2024	SUBMITTED	FILE1

Important Meeting that IAFI will attend

Meeting	Dates	Submission Dates	IAFI Preparatory Meetings
ITU:R Working Party 5B (WP 5B)	19th - 28th Nov 2024	07th Nov 2024	-
ITU:R Working Party 5C (WP 5C)	19th - 28th Nov 2024	07th Nov 2024	-
ITU:R Working Party 5A (WP 5A)	19th - 29th Nov 2024	07th Nov 2024	-
ITU:T Costing Models for Affordable Data Services	26th Nov 2024	14th Nov 2024	-
ITU:D TDAG Working Group on the Declaration (TDAG-WG-DEC)	02nd Dec 2024	20th Nov 2024	-
ITU-R Study Group 5 (SG 5)	02nd - 03rd Dec 2024	20th Nov 2024	-
ITU-R ITU World Radiocommunication Seminar 2024 (WRS-24)	02nd - 06th Dec 2024	20th Nov 2024	-
ITU:D TDAG Working Group on the Future of Study Group Questions (TDAG-WG-futureSGQ)	03rd Dec 2024	21st Nov 2024	-
APT: The 2nd Meeting of the APT Preparatory Group for WTDC-25 (APT WTDC25-2)	10th - 11th Dec 2024	30th Nov 2024	-
ITU:D Extra-ordinary Meeting of the TDAG	23rd Jan 2025	11th Jan 2025	-
APT: SATRC Workshop on Spectrum	21st - 23rd Jan 2025	11th Jan 2025	-
ITU:R Working Party 5D (WP 5D)	04th - 13rd Feb 2025	24th Jan 2025	27th Nov 2024
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 Feb 2025	08th Feb 2024	-
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Telecom Stories:



The number of registered complaints against unregistered senders have reduced to 1.51 lakh in October compared to 1.89 lakh in August. TRAI data reveals.

This makes a reduction of 20 percent from August. In September, 1.63 lakh registered complaints against unregistered senders were recorded.

TRAI issued directions on August 13 2024, mandating that any entity found to be making promotional voice calls in violation of regulations would face strict consequences.


This includes disconnection of all telecom resources, blacklisting for up to two years, and a ban on new resource allocation during the blacklisting period.



New Delhi: In a significant decision, govt has notified new rules under Telecom Act that puts an obligation on mobile operators to provide user traffic data - other than content of messages - to Centre to ensure cyber security, apart from stipulating that companies notify a breach within six hours of an incident. Govt will also have the power to analyse such data and pass it on to any agency engaged in law enforcement and security related activities. Govt also directed seller of mobile phones to mandatorily register International Mobile Equipment Identity (IMEI) number of devices - made in India or imported here - before their sale.



The government on Thursday notified the Telecommunications (Telecom Cyber Security) Rules, 2024 that give power to the Centre to seek from a telecommunication entity traffic data and any other data, other than content of messages. The government may access these contents and direct a telecommunication entity to establish necessary infrastructure for collection of such data from designated points. The Gazette notification said that the data so collected is for the purpose of enhancing telecom cyber security. It said the data collected can be disseminated to any agency of the Central government engaged in law enforcement and security related activities.

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