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Telecom Regulatory Authority of India

TRAI releases Consultation Paper on “Licensing Framework for Establishing Satellite Earth Station Gateway.”

New Delhi, 15th November 2021 – The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has today released a Consultation Paper on **“Licensing Framework for Establishing Satellite Earth Station Gateway.”**

2. The Department of Telecommunications (DoT), through its letter dated 10th September 2021, has requested TRAI, under section 11(1)(a) of the TRAI Act of 1997, to furnish recommendations on “Licensing Framework for Establishing Satellite Gateway”.

3. In its letter, DoT has stated that the current licensing framework of Department of Telecommunications (DoT) with respect to satellite services has limitations with respect to proposed satellite gateway(s) operations, as there are no provisions regarding usage of gateway by service provider established by a satellite constellation operator. Considering the constraints of the existing provisions in respect of proposed satellite gateway(s) operations, DoT has stated that there is a need for suitable licensing framework and requested TRAI to examine all the factors holistically and recommendation on licensing framework for satellite gateway(s) operations may be suggested including the entry fee, license fee, bank guarantee, NOCC charges, and any other issue(s) which may be relevant for LEO/MEO/HTS systems.

4. In this regard, a Consultation Paper on **“Licensing Framework for Establishing Satellite Earth Station Gateway”**, seeking inputs from the stakeholders have been placed on TRAI’s website www.traigov.in. Written comments on the issues raised in the Consultation Paper are invited from the stakeholders by 13th December 2021 and counter-comments by 27th December 2021.

5. The comments/ counter-comments may be sent, preferably in electronic form at advmn@traigov.in. For any clarification / information, Shri S.T. Abbas, Advisor (Networks, Spectrum & Licensing), TRAI may be contacted at Telephone Number +91-11-23210481.

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