

Dear Agneshwar,

Trust this finds you in good form. It was a pleasure meeting you and interacting with you at the National Samellan during this year on Community Radio.

Specifically, for hill / mountain areas like ours and other parts of the Himalayas, there could be a possibility to improve reception and connectivity through repeater stations. For example, in our Radio Kotagiri, we are located at 2000 meters above sea level - most of the tribal communities that we work with, though they may be in the radius of 15 kms, but just cannot get any reception due to the undulating terrain of valleys and hills. Some people very far off, as the crow flies more than 40 kms (in the city of Coimbatore) - can listen to the radio, as it transmits from a high location point.

We would be grateful if TRAI can bring out a new innovative policy to reach the unreached literally in the hill areas, for whom the Radio is a tool for empowerment and development in the true sense.

Will be glad to respond to any queries and preferably show your team around this particular situation of hills and hill tribes located in remote areas.

Thanking you,

With best wishes,

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