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TRAI issues Tariff Orders prescribing Standard Tariff Packages for set top boxes for Digital Cable TV subscribers and DTH subscribers.

New Delhi, 27th May 2013: TRAI has today issued Tariff Orders prescribing standard tariff package for Set Top Boxes (STBs) for Digital Addressable Cable TV Systems (DAS) and Consumer Premises Equipments (CPEs) for Direct to Home (DTH) services.

2. The prime objective of these tariff orders is to ensure effective commercial interoperability. The said tariff orders have been devised to make available STBs / CPEs at reasonable price and, lucid and easy to understand, terms and conditions as well as to take care of the interests of the service providers. This would also promote healthy competition amongst the operators which would ultimately benefit all the stakeholders of the sector, including the consumers.

3. The above tariff orders prescribe the following standard tariff packages for supply of STB/ CPE to the subscribers:-


Service	Security Deposit (Rs.)	Monthly Rent (Rs.) (Excluding taxes)	Refund of security deposit	
DAS	400	55.66	Security deposit would be refunded after 3 years or on surrender of STB/CPE within three years.	
	800	50.66		
DTH	500	71.75		
	1000	65.50		
DAS	400	46.80		The security deposit gets adjusted over 3 years. If STB/ CPE is surrendered within 3 years, the unadjusted portions of the security deposit would be refunded. Details available in Tariff Order.
	800	32.93		
DTH	500	60.66		
	1000	43.33		

Salient features of these tariff orders are:-

- The tariff includes installation and activation charges as well as the charges for maintenance and repairs for a period of 3 years.
- No monthly rental to be paid after 3 years. The STB/ CPE becomes property of the subscriber after 3 years.

- These packages are to be mandatorily offered to the subscribers and, in addition, service providers can also offer alternative schemes/ packages for supply of STBs/ CPEs.

Details of these Tariff Orders are available on TRAI website: www.trai.gov.in.


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