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Telecom Regulatory Authority of India

TRAI releases Consultation Paper on "Captive VSAT CUG Policy issues"

New Delhi, 28th October, 2016– The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has today released a Consultation Paper on "Captive VSAT CUG Policy issues".

2. TRAI received a reference from the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) on dated 16th March, 2016. Through the reference DoT sought the recommendations of TRAI on minimum License Fee in respect of 2nd Hub in Captive VSAT CUG network and terms and conditions of Captive VSAT CUG License.

3. After receiving the reference, the Authority consulted some of the Captive VSAT licensees, who brought out some additional issues related to applicability of Royalty charges and delay in approvals in augmentation of bandwidth for Captive VSAT. The Authority has decided to include these issues also for the consultation of the stakeholders, so as to provide comprehensive recommendations on issues concerning captive VSAT licensees. The Consultation Paper has been placed on TRAI's website www.trai.gov.in.

4. Written comments on the issues raised in the Consultation Paper are invited from the stakeholders by 25th November, 2016 and counter-comments by 9th December, 2016.

5. The comments and counter-comments may be sent, preferably in electronic form at <u>advmn@trai.gov.in</u> with a copy to <u>trai.mn@gmail.com</u>. For any clarification/ information Shri Sanjeev Banzal, Advisor (Networks, Spectrum & Licensing), TRAI may be contacted at Telephone Number +91-11-23210481.

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