

TRAI ISSUES FOR 2019

At the outset, BIF wishes to laud TRAI for its excellent and pioneering work in 2018 for forward looking recommendations in the area of Policy & Regulation in the sector besides some very important Tariff Orders and Regulations. Going forward, we look forward to another fruitful year in 2019, wherein following game-changing agenda items are suggested:

1. As indicated by the Authority, one of the issues on the Agenda is Spectrum Valuation. We wish to submit a proposal (copy attached)for your kind perusal & necessary consideration in this regard. We wish to indicate that the same was submitted earlier in the context of our Recommendations to the Authority at the time of inputs to NDCP-2018.
2. We laud the Authority for its excellent & forward looking recommendations on V Band spectrum, which is pending approval of the DOT. We would like the Authority to kindly consider extension of the V Band to 71 Ghz (from the present 57-64Ghz). This would be in line with the developments in other international regimes viz. FCC (US) & Ofcom (UK)
3. While the Authority needs to be lauded for its forward looking recommendations in simplification and unshackling the VNO Policy, the parenting of Multiple TSP/ISPs to a single VNO perhaps needs to be explicitly recommended for enabling the operationalisation. Same way the TRAI, game-changing recommendation on PDOA/PDO needs to be reiterated for the purpose of operationalisation This would greatly help the sector.
4. We request the Authority to launch a detailed Consultation on the Satcom sector. The Authority is already aware of the issues therein which shall enable exploitation of the complete potential of the sector. The same may , inter-alia, include;
 - Migration for Broadcasting Industry
 - Ease of Doing Business in Satcom & Broadcasting (Removal of artificial barriers)
 - Security Norms
5. We request the Authority to undertake consultations on the assignment of 28Ghz spectrum band with specific reference to India , balancing the requirements of both the Satcom & the terrestrial 5G users.
6. We request the Authority to have further consultations on Local Manufacturing & Make in India so as to take it forward in a holistic manner.

