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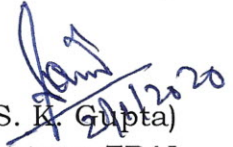
New Delhi, the 2nd January 2020: Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) today released a Consultation Paper on '**Traffic Management Practices (TMPs) and Multi-Stakeholder Body for Net Neutrality**' seeking comments of all stakeholders. Full text of the consultation paper is available on TRAI's website at www.trai.gov.in.

2. Earlier, TRAI issued recommendations on 'Net Neutrality' on the 28th November 2017, covering principle of non-discriminatory treatment, application, exclusions and exceptions, IoT and Specialized services, Transparency and disclosures, monitoring and enforcement etc. DoT vide letter 31st July 2018 conveyed that TRAI recommendations on "Net Neutrality" were considered by Government. DoT issued its principle directives on Net Neutrality. Further, DoT sought additional recommendations from TRAI on Necessary Traffic Management Practices (TMPs) and Composition, functions, role and responsibilities of the multi-stakeholder body for monitoring and enforcement.

3. The objective of this Consultation Paper is to deliberate the issues related to traffic management practices and the Multi Stake Holder body Net Neutrality. Paper discusses about various challenges in measurement of internet traffic and compilation of reasonable traffic management practices. It discusses about establishment of a framework to formulate TMPs. The paper also discusses about the issues related to composition, function, Governance Structure of various multi-stakeholder body. The consultation paper is focused and limited to the issues on which additional recommendation has been sought by DoT vide their letter dated 31st July as referred in para 2.



4. Comments on the issues raised in the consultation paper are invited from the stakeholders by 30th January, 2020 and counter comments, if any, by 13th February, 2020. The comments and counter-comments may be sent, preferably in electronic format at advqos@trai.gov.in For any clarifications or information, Shri Asit Kadayan, Advisor (QOS), TRAI may be contacted at Telephone Number +91-11-23230404, FAX Number +91-11-23213036.


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