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To  
Mr. Sudhir Gupta  
Secretary  
TRAI

Date : 10.04.2014

**Sub: Comments on issues raised in the consultation paper on 'Review of Tariff for Domestic Leased Circuits' for information**

Sir

This has reference to the **Press Release No. 14/2014**. After categorically scrutinizing the same please find my comment on the 2 (two) issues stated as Q5. & Q6. of the Consultation Paper mentioned in the captioned subject.

Q5. In your opinion, is there a need for prescribing separate ceiling tariffs for local lead and trunk segment?


**COMMENT: Absolutely Yes.**

Q6. In your opinion, is there a need for prescribing separate ceiling tariffs for remote and hilly areas?

**COMMENT: Absolutely Yes. Under any circumstances hilly & remote areas are as it is deprived mainly from all day to day utility services. So TRAI must make an attempt to calculate the ceiling tariffs in such a manner that maximum subsidy can be provided to these areas. To conclude, an endeavour must be taken to make access to mobile communication more affordable for the hilly and remote areas through structured subsidy plans aptly designed by TRAI.**

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully

  
Mala Banerjee  
President  
FCAWB