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Date: 8th December 2025

To,

The Secretary,

Department of Telecommunications,

Ministry of Communications,

Sanchar Bhawan, 20, Ashoka Road, New Delhi – 110 001

Subject: TRAI's Response to the DoT's back-reference dated 12.11.2025 on the TRAI's recommendations dated 09.05.2025 on 'Terms and Conditions for the Assignment of Spectrum for Certain Satellite-Based Commercial Communication Services'- reg.

Earlier, the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), through a reference dated 11.07.2024, had requested TRAI to provide recommendations under Section 11(1)(a) of the TRAI Act, 1997 (as amended) on terms and conditions of spectrum assignment including spectrum pricing while accounting for level playing field with terrestrial access services for the following satellite-based communication services:

- i. NGSO based Fixed Satellite Services providing data communication and Internet services.
- ii. GSO/ NGSO based Mobile Satellite Services providing voice, text, data, and internet services.
- 2. After a comprehensive consultation process, TRAI, on 09.05.2025, sent its recommendations on 'Terms and Conditions for the Assignment of Spectrum for Certain Satellite-Based Commercial Communication Services' to DoT.

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3. Lately, DoT, through, a back-reference dated 12.11.2025, has referred back some of the TRAI's recommendations on 'Terms and Conditions for the Assignment of Spectrum for Certain Satellite-Based Commercial Communication Services' and has requested TRAI to provide its reconsidered recommendations in respect of such recommendations, in accordance with the provisions of Section 11 of the TRAI Act 1997(as amended).

4. In this regard, after a careful examination, TRAI has finalised its response to the back-reference to DoT. A copy of the TRAI's response is enclosed herewith.

5. In keeping with the practice, a copy of this letter, along with the response, is being placed on the website of TRAI (www.trai.gov.in).

Enclosure: As above

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