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TRAI releases Consultation Paper on 'Improvement in the Effectiveness of National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI)'

TRAI has released a consultation paper on **'Improvement in the Effectiveness of National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI)'**. The National Internet Exchanges were set up for peering of Internet Service Providers (ISPs) among themselves for the purpose of routing the domestic traffic within the country based on the recommendations of the Task Force set up in 2002 by TRAI to promote the Growth of Internet Service in the country. The setting up of NIXI was expected to reduce international bandwidth requirement, latency and enhance cost savings resulting in better Quality of Service and lower tariffs to the customers.

It has been observed that a limited number of ISPs have joined NIXI resulting in sub optimal utilization of NIXI's infrastructure. A lot of domestic traffic is still not routed through NIXI negating the very purpose of NIXI. In order to facilitate the improvement in the effectiveness of NIXI, TRAI has come out with a consultation paper and stakeholders have been requested to send their comments on the various issues mentioned in the consultation paper.

The consultation paper is available on TRAI's website: (www.traigov.in). All the stakeholders have been requested to send their written comments to the Authority by 15th November 2006.

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