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To,

1. All ISPs,
2. Association of Basic Telecom Operators

**Subject: Provision of E1/R2 connectivity beyond SDCA for ISPs.**

Sir,

Please refer to TRAI's Directive on the above subject, issued vide letter No. 1-2/2000-CN dated March 8, 2002.

2. BSNL had requested for withdrawal of the directive permitting E1/R2 connectivity beyond SDCA for the ISPs. The Authority did not agree to the request and BSNL was asked to implement the Directive.

3. BSNL has now issued instructions in compliance with the TRAI Directive, to all Heads of Telecom Circles/ Telephone Districts to extend this facility beyond the SDCA in which POP of the ISP is located, subject to technical feasibility. TRAI Directive and this clarification are also available at the TRAI web site [www.traigov.in](http://www.traigov.in).

Yours faithfully,

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1. ISPAI
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**COMPLIANCE WITH TRAI DIRECTIVE ON PROVISION OF E1/R2 CONNECTIVITY BEYOND SDCAs FOR ISPs**

Following a representation from ISPAI regarding difficulties in obtaining E1/R2 links for Dial-up access to the ISP's node beyond the SDCA, TRAI had issued a directive on March 8, 2001 directing all Basic Service Operators to provide E1/R2 links to ISPs within their service areas even beyond SDCAs in which ISP node is located. This was done mainly to enable ISPs to optimize their costs so that the Internet Access can be made cheaper.

BSNL vide their letter dated 26th September, 2001 requested the Authority to review this directive and to restrict E1/R2 links to ISP nodes only within the SDCA. After due consideration of various issues raised by BSNL, the Authority decided against enforcing any such restriction and hence no review was made of the above directive.

In compliance of the above directive of the Authority, M/s. BSNL has now issued instructions to the field organisations vide their letter dated 15.2.2002 to extend the facility of E1/R2 links also beyond the SDCA in which the node of ISP is located subject to technical feasibility.

The ISPs may make use of this facility for providing Dial-up Internet access beyond SDCAs in which their node is located