Dear Shri Mittal,

As you are aware, all broadcasting services, except terrestrial broadcasting, will be available in the country in digital format after completion of phase IV of cable TV digitization process which is targeted to be completed by March 2017. In order to exploit benefits of digitization, several countries around the world have already switched of analog terrestrial TV broadcasting while many others are in the process of digitization as per the roadmaps laid down by them. In India, although the work for digitization of analog terrestrial transmission has already begun, a clear roadmap is required to ensure an early migration to digital.

2. In this scenario, the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) had, suo-motu issued a consultation paper on “Issues related to Digital Terrestrial Broadcasting in India” on 24th June 2016 with a view to review the existing terrestrial TV broadcasting scenario for implementation of Digital Terrestrial Transmission (DTT) across the country. The Authority has finalized its recommendations on key issues associated with the implementation of DTT. TRAI recommendations and copy of the press release on the subject is enclosed.

4. As per the practice, a copy of this letter, along with recommendations, is being placed on the website of TRAI www.trai.gov.in

Yours sincerely,  
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