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**Telecom Regulatory Authority of India**

**TRAI conducted an Open House Discussion (OHD) on Consultation Paper on “Next Generation Public Protection and Disaster Relief (PPDR) communication networks”**

**New Delhi, 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2018** – The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has today convened an Open House Discussion (OHD) on Consultation Paper on “**Next Generation Public Protection and Disaster Relief (PPDR) communication networks**”.

2. Public Protection and Disaster Relief network is used by agencies and organizations dealing with maintenance of law and order, protection of life and property, relief and rescue operations during emergency situations. Keeping in view the need to have a robust policy framework for the introduction of an advanced, reliable, robust and responsive PPDR communication system in the country, TRAI, *suo-moto* released a Consultation Paper on “Next Generation Public Protection and Disaster Relief (PPDR) communication networks” on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2019 seeking comments of stakeholders.

3. An OHD was convened on 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2018, to obtain valuable inputs of the concerned stakeholders. A number of stakeholders including manufacturers, telecom service providers, associations and academia etc. participated in the Open House Discussion. The stakeholders have reiterated their written submission during the OHD on the issues such as challenges with existing networks, suitable next generation network model, spectrum band and quantum of spectrum for PPDR network.

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