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Dear Shri Chandrasekhar Ji,

Kindly refer to your letter dated 22.12.2010 raising certain issues for smooth and transparent functioning of Department of Telecom, giving more powers to TRAI and to include neutral views from analysts, media, Members of Parliament, Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on IT, as well as citizen groups etc.

I had the matter examined. I have already announced 100 days programme on 1st January, 2011 wherein it was highlighted that consultations will be held with the key stake holders to evolve suitable policy framework on licensing, spectrum allocation, spectrum pricing, merger and acquisition etc. The consultation process has already been initiated with the round-table conferences being held with key-stakeholders on various issues related to Broadband, Infrastructure providers, telecom service providers and manufacturers as well as R&D of telecom equipments. The two Round Table Conferences on National Broadband Plan as well as on issues related to Licencing framework and Spectrum pricing have already been held by me. The idea is to evolve the policy framework on each of the issues with the participation of stakeholders in a completely transparent manner. The Government is also committed to providing equal opportunity to the consumers, policy analysts and the media to offer their views/comments while evolving consensus on the policy issues before they are finalized.

With regard to amendments to TRAI Act, this Department is in the process of examination and consultation regarding amendments to certain provisions of TRAI Act.

As far as policy procedures adopted by DoT since 2001 to 2010 is concerned, a One-Man Committee was constituted comprising of Hon'ble Justice Shivraj V. Patil, retired Judge of the Supreme Court to examine the appropriateness of procedures followed by the Department of Telecom in

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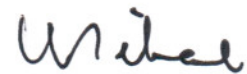
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issuance of licenses and allocation of spectrum during the period 2001-2009. The Committee has already submitted its report, which has been put in the public domain by uploading on the DoT Website. The report/recommendations of the One-Man Committee are currently being examined by the Department.

In respect of show-cause notices to Companies etc., necessary action has already been initiated.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,



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