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**Telecom Regulatory Authority of India**

**Extension of last date to receive comments/counter comments on TRAI Consultation Paper on “Next Generation Public Protection and Disaster Relief (PPDR) communication networks”**

**New Delhi, 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2017**– The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) had invited comments/counter comments of stakeholders on Consultation Paper “**Next Generation Public Protection and Disaster Relief (PPDR) communication networks**” dated 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2017. The last date for receiving written comments and counter-comments from the stakeholders were fixed as 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 and 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2017 respectively.

2. The industry association Cellular Operators Association of India has sought extension of time for sending their comments due to expert analysis/view across cross-functions within the organization on the subject. Further, TRAI has written to Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), all the State governments/ Union Territories (UTs) seeking their inputs on the subject. Inputs from wider consultation with State governments/ UTs and various Ministries will be valuable in forming a comprehensive recommendation by the Authority.

3. In view of the above, it has been decided to extend the last date for submission of written comments upto the 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2017 and for counter-comments upto the 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2017. No further requests for extension would be considered.

4. The comments and counter-comments may be sent, preferably in electronic form at [advmn@traigov.in](mailto:advmn@traigov.in). For any clarification/ information Shri S. T. Abbas, Advisor (Network Spectrum & Licensing), TRAI may be contacted at Telephone Number +91-11-23210481.

  
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