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I would like to voice my opposition to Airtel's proposal to reduce Post-FUP speed to 64 Kbps (or anything close to that that value).

64 Kbps is far below the minimum bandwidth for delivering a modern website with Javascript and images to a user. Any proposal that wants to restrict internet speed to around 64 Kbps is anti-consumer and pro-incumbent telecom companies, leading to the creation of cartels.

Such a drastic degradation in the specification of "Broadband" in India will accelerate the damage done by the failed Fair-Usage Policy (FUP) to our average broadband speed, which has become one of the worst in Asia:

<http://www.livemint.com/Industry/ZhNbo3ggvysSzVKBTmBubM/Does-India-really-have-broadband.html>

Encouraging telecom companies to underinvest in infrastructure will cripple Indian-created startups like Ola, Meru, Freshdesk, Zomato and Myntra which are rich, interactive applications that 64 Kbps can never support well. This undermines Prime Minister Modi's "Make in India" campaign to boost our economy.

I hope TRAI will do what's best for all Indians rather than a handful of underperforming corporations.

Link to Airtel's proposal: http://tra.gov.in/WriteReadData/ConsultationPaper/Document/201602110227526691097Bharti_Airtel.pdf

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