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The Secretary,
Ministry of Communications and IT
Department of Telecommunications,
New Delhi

Sir,

Re: Views on Net Neutrality for Meeting on 27.4.2015

We would like to express my views within 2-3 minutes in three parts: first compliments, second issue in hand, third suggestions

Compliments

Let me start by expressing thanks to the Government for this opportunity to express views before high powered committee.

Let me also express appreciation and thanks to TRAI for well articulated and informative Consultation Paper.

Issue in hand

Let us recall that purpose of TRAI paper was to get views on need or otherwise to regulate Over The Top (OTT) services. That includes like Whats app, Facebook, Goggle, Viber, skype etc.

In between Net neutrality has been brought up. The exact meaning of that is debated in several countries and it has several interpretations. It is beyond scope of us as an association and as country to define the net neutrality.

As a country we are interested in Digital India and Make in India. That means access to all and policies to attract make in India and promote start ups. We are looking to connect one Bn. people across Country.

Let us also bear in mind that internet penetration in India is about 20%, broadband access about 8% and about 80% of net access is by the smart phones. This comes to about 9 Mn. with total population of about 123 Crores.

Suggestions:

1. Without any doubt we suggest equal access to all for internet as also voice and data. We suggest open internet, offering choice to consumers and not in blocking or throttling any services by any one. We support other players because they drive innovation in applications and data growth...they are hundreds of thousand in numbers.
2. Country has a licensing policy for voice and telecom services. Nobody should be allowed to give these services without a license.

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