

Press Release

In the light of Unified Access Services Licence (UASL) guidelines issued on 14th December 2005 by the department regarding number of Licences in a Service Area, a reference was made to TRAI on 13-4-2007. The TRAI on 28-08-2007 recommended that No cap be placed on the number of access service providers in any service area. The government accepted this recommendation of TRAI. Hon'ble Prime Minister also emphasized on increased competition while inaugurating India Telecom 2007. Accordingly, DOT has decided to issue LOI to all the eligible applicants on the date of application who applied up-to 25-9-2007.

UAS licence authorises licensee to rollout telecom access services using any digital technology which includes wire-line and/or wireless (GSM and/or CDMA) services. They can also provide Internet Telephony, Internet Services and Broadband services. UAS licence in broader terms is an umbrella licence and does not automatically authorize UAS licensee's usage of spectrum to rollout Mobile (GSM and/or CDMA) services. For this, UAS licensee has to obtain another licence, i.e. Wireless Operating Licence which is granted on first-come-first-serve basis subject to availability of spectrum in particular service area.

DOT has been implementing a policy of First-cum-First Served for grant of UAS licences under which initially an application which is received first will be processed first and thereafter if found eligible will be granted LOI and then who so ever complies with the conditions of LOI first will be granted UAS licence.

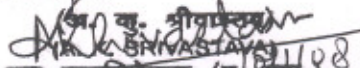
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The above Press release has approval of Hon'ble MOCIT and may kindly be released immediately.

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