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# TRAI- Telecom Regulatory Authority of India

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**Why is in news?** TRAI organises seminar on Emerging Trends in Broadcasting Sector at India Mobile Congress in New Delhi

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) is a **regulatory body** set up by the Government of India under section 3 of the **Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Act, 1997**.

It is the **regulator of the telecommunications sector in India**, including fixation/revision of tariffs for telecom services that were earlier vested in the Central Government.

The **entry of private service providers** brought with it the inevitable need for independent regulation, hence TRAI was established.

TRAI's mission is to **create and nurture conditions for the growth of telecommunications** in the country in a manner and pace which will enable India to play a leading role in the emerging global information society.

The **head office** of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) is located in **New Delhi**.

It consists of a **Chairperson and not more than two full-time members and not more than two part-time members** - Selection is by **central Government**.

The Chairperson and other members shall **hold their office for a term of three years or till the age of 65 years, whichever is earlier**.

The TRAI Act was amended by an ordinance, effective from 24 January 2000, establishing a **Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal (TDSAT)** to take over the adjudicatory and disputes functions from TRAI.

TDSAT was set up to **adjudicate any dispute between** a: licensor and a licensee, between two or more service providers, between a service provider and a group of consumers, and to hear and dispose of appeals against any direction, decision, or order of TRAI.

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