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## 1. Telecom Statistics at a glance (as of Falgun, 2065)

### 1.1 Available Telecom Service

Services	NDCL			UTL	SNPL	STM	Others	Total
Fixed	551566*			67,378		3,723		6,22,667
Mobile	Post -Paid	Pre -Paid	Total		18,10,814			41,67,938
	102902	2254222	2357124*					
Limited Mobility				60,171				60171
GMPCS							1517	1517
CDMA	Post -Paid	Pre -Paid	Total					1,77,808
	45,892	1,31,916	1,77,808					
Sky Phone	4,84,726							4,84,726
WCDMA (G3)	664							664
<b>Total</b>								<b>55,15,491</b>
<b>Tele-Density</b>								
<b>Services</b>				<b>Penetration Rate %</b>				
Fixed				2.31%				
Mobile				15.45%				
Others (CDMA, Sky Phone etc.)				2.69%				
<b>Total</b>				<b>20.45%</b>				

\* NT Available the data of Magha, 2065.

**Note:** Projection population as per Central Bureau of Statistics is taken as 26,966,581

### 1.2 Data Service

Services	Subscribers
Internet	56641NDCL+5968 UTL=62,609
ADSL	13893
Broadband*	
<b>Total</b>	<b>76,502</b>

\* Speed = More than 64 Kpbs

### 1.3 Public Call Centres

Services	Subscribers
Urban PCO	
Rural PCO	1,885
Tele Centre	
Cyber Cafe	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,885</b>
No of Unserved VDC Telephone Service	436

## 2. Quality of Service

Parameters	NTA Benchmarks	Operators Data
Call Drop Ratio		

### 2.1 List of the member of the Nepal Telecommunications Authority

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| 1. | Mr. Bhes Raj Kanel        | Chairman |
| 2. | Mr Mahesh Adhikari        | Member   |
| 3. | Mr. Balaram Pradhananga   | Member   |
| 4. | Mr Tulsi Bhatta           | Member   |
| 5. | Mr. Girindra Raj Adhikari | Member   |

## 3. Telecom Sectors News

### 3.1 NTA's Internal activities

1. Recommendation of Foreign Currency-Mercantile Communication Ptd. Ltd US\$ 115,000.00.
2. **Month of Poush** : Two permanent periodic type approval certificates for Short Range Devices valid for five years were issued.
3. **Month of Magha** : Four provisional type approval certificates for Short Range Devices valid for six months were issued.
4. **Month of Falgun** : Two permanent periodic type approval certificates for Short Range devices valid for five years were issued.  
Two provisional type approval certificates for Short Range Devices valid for six months were issued.
5. NTA had invited Consultancy Service for Radio Frequency Radiation Health Hazard from Mobile Service (3rd March 2009).
6. NTA had invited Consultancy Service for Software Development for Office Automation of NTA (3rd March 2009).

### 3.2 Capacity Building

#### A) International Training, Seminar, Study and Observation Tours Visit

S. No.	Program	Date	Place	Participant's Name
1	Third Meeting of Working Group on Telecommunication & Information and Communication Technology.	3-4 March, 2009	New Delhi, India.	Ananda Raj Khanal (Director)
2	Workshop on Universal Access & Experience on Rolling Out of Broadband Service.	5-6 March, 2009	Ghaziabad, India.	Ananda Raj Khanal (Director)
3	NGN Migration & Planning	2-5 March 2009	South Korea	Bijaya Kumar Roy (Assistant Director)
4	ITU Regional Seminar on Cost and Tariffs.	3-7 March 2009	Ha NOI Viet Nam	Balaram Pradhananga (Board Member) Kumar Prasad Sharma

				(Director)
5	APT Study Group Meeting.	9-13 March 2009	Bangkok, Thailand	Surendra Lal Hada (Deputy Director)

#### B) National Training, Seminar, Study and Observation Tours Visit

S.No.	Program	Date	Place	Participants
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#### 3.3 License Issue

S.No.	Name of Licensee	Name of License	Date (mm/dd/yy)
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#### 3.4 License Renewal

S.No.	Name of Licensee	Name of License	Date (mm/dd/yy)
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#### 3.5 Following Licenses have been cancelled after they were not renewed or not applied for renewal.

S.No.	Name of Licensee	Name of License	Date (mm/dd/yy)
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#### 4. Authority's Major Decisions during the month of Falgun, 2065

S.No.	Subject	Decision Date (mm/dd/yy)	Decision No.
1.	The NTA Employees Bylaw 2064 has been amended.	2065.11.1	1562
2.	VSAT user license has been issued to Nabil Bank Ltd. for providing data services to its following branch offices: Birtamod, Damak, Dhangadi, Mahendranagar, Narayangarh, Baglung, Biratnagar, Ghorahi, Tulsipur, Nepalgunj, and Bhairahawa as per section 24(2).	2065.11.1	1565
3.	NTA's serious attention has been drawn by the non compliance of the Interconnection Guidelines 2065 by the Telecom operators which should have been implemented from Falgun1, 2065.  NTA feels that the consumers have been denied the facilities of tariff reduction by non-compliance of the Interconnection Guidelines by the service providers. NTA has decided that all the facilitation works to Nepal Doorsanchar Company Limited, United Telecom Ltd, Spice Nepal Pvt. Ltd. and STM Telecom Sanchar Pvt. Ltd. will be suspended. It has been also decided that NTA will take legal actions against the service providers if they continue to show their indifference to the consumers' right and do not implement the guidelines as early as possible.	2065.11.1	1567
4.	The action on the application for the renewal of the Mobile Service License of Nepal Doorsanchar Company Limited has been suspended.	2065.11.1	1568
5.	NTA has recommended to the Government of Nepal to amend its taxation policy with regard to the import of telecommunications equipment so that the equipments imported for Rural Telecommunications establishment and expansion has to pay only 1% custom duty and no excise duty. This recommendation is in line	2065.11.6	1571

	with the government taxation system previously adopted. Current taxation policy levies 5% excise duty and no import duty.		
6.	<p>In response to the applications of Smart Telecom Pvt. Ltd with regard to extension of the time period for roll-out obligations, assignment of spectrum and the limited mobility license NTA made the following decisions:</p> <p>a) It has been observed that there has been a repeated request to extend the duration of roll-out obligations which has a negative impact in terms of not meeting the national target as well as inability to provide the services in the targeted VDCs thereby depriving the people from telecommunications services. Nevertheless, it has been decided to amend the license as per section 26 of the Telecommunications Act, 2053 that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 50% of the VDCs should be served within 10 months from the date of the issuance of the License</li> <li>2. All the VDCs should be served within 18 months from the issuance of the License.</li> </ol> <p>b) With reference to the Spectrum request, NTA has decided that 2x2.4 MHz bandwidth will be assigned from the available frequency in 900 MHz band after frequency reframing in line with the assignment made to the other RTS operator STM Telecom Sanchar Pvt. Ltd. As per the decision, the following was communicated to Smart Telecommunications Pvt. Ltd.:</p> <p>“ In response to your request for spectrum, 2x2.4 MHz bandwidth will be made available in 900 MHz band once the infrastructure for providing telephone service is made available in 50 % of the VDCs as stipulated in the license.</p> <p>c)NTA also decided that Limited Mobility license will be issued to Smart Telecom Pvt. Ltd in accordance with the Special Guidelines for the Limited Mobility Service once they set up infrastructure for providing telecommunications service in 50% of the VDCs</p>	2065.11.6	1572
7.	NTA approved the two sets of RFPs prepared for the training of the ICT center Leaders and Operator/Manager to be organized in Kathmandu and Pokhara under the Scaling up of Public ICT component of TSRP project and also approved to send these documents to World Bank for No Objection.	2065.11.6	1576
8.	<p>NTA has decided to amend the special Guidelines of GMPCS service as follows:</p> <p>a) As the existing section 3.3 of the Special Guidelines of the GMPCS service is ultra vires to the Telecommunications Regulations, the section 3.3 of the Guideliens has been amended as:</p> <p>“The license fees to operate the GMPCS service by establishing the Hub Station in Nepal, will be as prescribed in the Telecommunications Regulations 2054 BS.”</p> <p>b) NTA in its decision has also instructed to review and update the Special Guidelines as a part of the Annual Program for the FY 2065/066. While making review and amendment in the Guidelines the report of the sub committee formed by NTA to study the impact on Telecommunications sector due to Nepal’s accession to WTO.</p>	2065.11.25	1584
9.	NTA has approved the decision of the Chairman to extend the time	2065.11.25	1585

	by 15 days for providing comments and feedback on the consultation paper on 1) the Report on Radio Frequency Management and change in Pricing 2) Spectrum Assignment and Price Fixation Principle for WLL and Mobile Service effective from 2065/11/15.												
10.	<p>NTA has formed a sub-committee to make a comprehensive study on the use of VoIP allowing the origination from and termination into the PSTN/PLMN as under:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Ananda Raj Khanal, Director, NTA</td> <td>Coordinator</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Deepesh Acharya, Deputy Director</td> <td>Member</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Arjun Ghimire, Assistant Director</td> <td>Member</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bijaya Kumar Roy, Assistant Director</td> <td>Member</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rajan Kadel, Assistant Director</td> <td>Member Secretary</td> </tr> </table> <p>The subcommittee is to submit its report within 2 months and holding no more than 10 meetings.</p>	Ananda Raj Khanal, Director, NTA	Coordinator	Deepesh Acharya, Deputy Director	Member	Arjun Ghimire, Assistant Director	Member	Bijaya Kumar Roy, Assistant Director	Member	Rajan Kadel, Assistant Director	Member Secretary	2065.11.25	1589
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11.	NTA has provided a financial contribution of Rs 100,000.00 to Nepal Bar Association for its 11 <sup>th</sup> All Nepal National Lawyers' Conference held in Kathmandu. Mr Tulasi Bhatta, Member, NTA and Mr Kailash Prasad Neupane, Deputy Director, Legal Section, NTA presented a paper on "WTO and Telecommunications Service in Nepal" in the conference.	2065.11.25	1590										

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