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1. Telecom Statistics at a glance (as of Poush, 2066)

1.1 Available Voice Telephony Services

Services	Nepal Doorsanchar Company Limited (NDCL)	United Telecom Limited (UTL)	Spice Nepal Pvt. Ltd. (SNPL)	STM Telecom Sanchar Pvt. Ltd. (STM)	Others	Total
Fixed						819,463
Wireline (PSTN)	570,196	-	-	4,470	41	574,707
Wireless (WLL)	176,493	68,263	-		-	244,756
Mobile						6,387,196
GSM	3,556,872	-	2,218,366	-	-	5,775,238
CDMA (Sky	611,958	-	-	-	-	611,958
Phone)						
Others						262,416
Limited Mobility	-	259,975	-	-	-	259,975
GMPCS	-	-	-	-	1,742	1,742
WCDMA (3G)	699	-	-	-	-	699
Total	4,916,218	328,238	2,218,366	4,470	1,783	7,469,075
Tele-Density						
Services					Penetra	tion Rate %
Fixed						2.98
Mobile				23.22		
Others (Limited M	Iobility, GMPCS etc.) 0.			0.95		
Total						27.15

Note: Projected population for 2009 is 2,75,04,280 (Source : cbs.gov.np)

1.2 Data/Internet Services

Services	Subscribers				Total
	NDCL	UTL	SNPL	ISPs	
Dialup (PSTN + ISDN)	9,359	-	ı	18,900	28,259
Wireless Modem, Optical	-	-	-	12,600	12,600
Fibre Ethernet					
Cable Modem, Cable etc.	-	-	ı	31,500	31,500
ADSL	31,169	-	-	-	31,169
GPRS	85,703	-	456,323	-	542,026
CDMA 1X	59,982	24,823	-	-	84,805
Total	186,213	24,823	456,323	63,000	730,359

1.3 Public Call Centres (PCO)

Services	Subscribers
Rural PCO	1,895
No of Unserved Village Development Committee (VDC)	291
Telephone Service.	
No. of Served Village Development Committee (VDC)	3,624

1.4 Licence issued by NTA (Cumulative as of Poush, 2066)

S.No.	Name of the license	Number of
		the licensee
1.	Basic Telecommunications	3
2.	GSM Mobile	2
3.	Network Service Provider	8
4.	VSAT User	105
5.	Internet (With e-mail)	38
6.	GMPCS	3
7.	Rural Telecom	2
8.	Limited Mobility (Being operated by UTL)	34
9.	International Trunk Telephone	2
10.	Rural VSAT User	6
11.	Rural Internet Service Provider	2
		205

2. Quality of Service

NTA has contracted CEDA to carry out the quality of service survey of mobile service in Kathmandu valley. CEDA is carrying out the survey and is in the process of preparing the report.

3. Telecom Sector News

3.1 NTA's Internal activities

• The type approval certificates for 3 short range device models and 1 CDMA handset model have been issued during the month of Poush as given below.

Short Range Devices (SRD) Total No. of TAC is

S. No.	Brand	Total No. of TAC issued
1.	Realtek	1
2.	Broadcom	2
	Total No. of Models	3

CDMA Handsets

S. No.	. Brand	Total No. of TAC issued
1.	CG	1
	Total No. of Models	1

- Recommendation of Foreign Currency: NTA pursuant to section 35 of Telecommunication Act, 1997 recommended to MOIC for Foreign Exchange facility for payment of Bandwidth cost to an aggregated amount of NRs. 22,075,680.00 in the month of Poush.
- **Recommendation of equipment:** During the month of Poush recommendation for import of Telecommunications equipment amounting to a total of NRs. 509,385,425.10 has been made by NTA.
- NTA Recruitment Committee has published free competition vacancy notice for the following post on 2066/09/03.

Deputy Director (Engineering) - 1 Assistant Director (Engineering) - 1 Assistant Director (Licensee) - 1 Assistant Director (Consumer) - 1 Assistant - 1

3.2 Capacity Building

a) International Training, Seminar, Study and Observation Tours Visit:

S.	Program	Date	Country	Participant's Name
No.				and Designation
1.	33 rd Management Committee Meeting of APT	2066/08/27 to 2066/09/05	Iran	Surendra Lal Hada (Deputy Director)

b) National Training, Seminar, Study and Observation Tours Visit: X

3.3 License Issued:

S.No.	Name of Licensee	Name of License	Date
			(mm/dd/yy)
1.	Namaste Asia Link Pvt.Ltd., Lainchaur,	Internet (With E-mail)	9/12/2066
	Kathmandu		
2.	Fiber Online Pvt. Ltd., Jawalakhel,	Internet (With E-mail)	9/23/2066
	Lalitpur		

3.4 License Renewal:

S.No.	Name of Licensee	Name of License	Date (mm/dd/yy)
1.	Mercantile Communication (Pvt) Ltd.,	VSAT User	9/8/2066
	(Hetauda Terminal)		

3.5 Licenses cancelled: X

4. Authority's Major Decisions during the month of Poush, 2066

During the month of Poush, 2066 Nepal Telecommunications Authority (NTA) held 6 meetings in different dates and made 32 decisions in various issues. Here is a brief synopsis of some major decisions of NTA.

Decision on policy and development agenda is given hereunder:

S.	Subjects	Decision	Decision
No.		Date dd/mm/yy	Number
1.	NTA has decided to renew V-SAT User License (License No. V-G. 6-012) of M/S. Mercantile Communications Pvt. Ltd. for another five years term from 2066/09/08.	03/09/2066	1797
2.	NTA has instructed to submit proposal to review the Guideline for Tariff Approval for Telecommunications Services within 3 months.	03/09/2066	1798
3.	NTA has decided to publish Expression of Interest (EoI) notice for hiring a Consultant Company/Research Agency/Institution to conduct a study on current Nepalese mobile telecommunications market and advise on the necessity or otherwise of an additional mobile operator.	09/09/2066	1801

4.	NTA has approved to award License of Internet (With e-mail) to Fiber Online Pvt. Ltd as per Subsection (2) of Section 24 of Telecommunication Act, 1997 upon payment of prescribed license fee within 7 days.	09/09/2066	1803
5.	NTA has decided to cancel the tender of application selection process of Infrastructure Sharing Basis and Procedure under the paragraph (b) of Sub-Clause (1) of Clause No. 79 of NTA's Financial Administration Regulation, 2064. It further decided to merge (1) Infrastructure Sharing and (2) Identification of Vantage Points Sharing Policies program and instructed to publish 21 days notice of Expression of Interest (EoI) for selecting consultancy firm in this matter.	13/09/2066	1804
6.	NTA has formed a Project Implementation Unit (PIU) to implement <i>Part I Rural E-Community</i> project under the Asian Development Bank (ADB) Grant No. 0106-NEP (SF) Information and Communication Technology Development as follows: a. Mr. Purushottam Khanal, Deputy Director, NTA - Convener b. Mr. Deepesh Acharya, Deputy Director, NTA - Member c. Mr. Amber Sthapit, Deputy Director, NTA - Member Secretary	13/09/2066	1805
7.	NTA has approved CDMA post paid mobile service monthly tariff NRs. 200 (including Voice, SMS and PSDN) (excluding relevent tax) of NDCL under Section 42 of Telecommunication Act, 1997 and instructed to publish the approved tariff rate stating the date of approval of such tariff to inform the general public.	13/09/2066	1806
8.	NTA has approved the tariff rate between NDCL and Nepal Satellite Pvt. Ltd. and Smart Telecom Pvt. Ltd. under Section 42 of Telecommunication Act, 1997 and instructed to publish the approved tariff rate stating the date of approval of such tariff to inform the general public.	13/09/2066	1807
9.	NTA has approved the tariff rate between Spice Nepal Pvt. Ltd. and Nepal Satellite Pvt. Ltd. under Section 42 of Telecommunication Act, 1997 and instructed to publish the approved tariff rate stating the date of approval of such tariff to inform the general public.	13/09/2066	1808
10.	NTA has approved further 6 month contract period of Advocate Tilak Bahadur Pandey and appoint Advocate Narayan Prasad Devkota as Legal Advisior for six month period on contract basis. It also prescribed NRs. 11,400.00 monthly remuneration to both of the advisors and nominated to Purushottam Khanal, Deputy Director as authorised person of NTA to contract with both of them.	13/09/2066	1809
11.	NTA has approved to assign total 2x2.4 MHz Bandwidth frequency in GSM 900 technology (GSM 899.6 - 902 MHz paired with 944.6 - 947 MHz) to Smart Telecom Pvt. Ltd. (License No RTS-02) to use as per the Nepal Law and terms of the license and circulate such information to all Basic and	19/09/2066	1811

	Mobile operators.		
12.	NTA has instructed to submit along with changes and reason of such changes (Tin Mahale) on the proposal of NTA's (Terms of Service of Staff) Regulation, 2064 amendment and decided to request Nepal Administrative Training Institution for study and report of recommendation on the provision of promotion on time of Staff, suitable time period on post and suitable time of retirement of NTA Staff considering the working area and nature of NTA within 10 days.	19/09/2066	1814
13.	NTA has decided to publish Notice of consultation paper (one month period) on NTA's Guideline on Erection of Antenna Structure, 2010 to collect the views of experts, scholar and concern stakeholders.	28/09/2066	1816
14.	NTA has approved to award License of Internet (with e-mail) to operate in Rural areas only to Mandavi Cooperative Society Development Center as per Subsection (2) of Section 24 of Telecommunication Act, 1997 upon payment of prescribed license fee within 7 days.	28/09/2066	1817
15.	NTA has approved to award License of Limited Mobility Service to STM Telecom Sanchar Pvt. Ltd. (RTS 01) in Kanchanpur, Dadeldhura, Baitadi, Bardia, Dailekh, Baglunga and Palpa as per Subsection (2) of Section 24 of Telecommunication Act, 1997 upon payment of prescribed license fee within 7 days.	28/09/2066	1818
16.	NTA has decided to cancel the tender of application selection process of study on Health Hazard from Mobile Service due to lack of enough application for competition.	29/09/2066	1821
17.	NTA has decided to amend the terms of completion of Roll Out Schedule of Smart Telecom Pvt. Ltd (RTS 02) License up to the end of Ashar, 2067 and to issue and instruction to extend the time period of Performance Guarantee up to 15 August 2010.	29/09/2066	1822
18.	NTA has decided to extend 7 days time limit and re-publish Expression of Interest (EOI) notice for selecting consultancy firm to Study of Market Potential of Mobile Telecom Service in Nepal since there was only one application was registered during the first notice timeframe.	29/09/2066	1824
19.	NTA has decided to instruct for submission of Draft procedure of action to be taken from the NTA if any licensee does not complete the roll out requirement by the time frame of license.	29/09/2066	1825

5. List of the members of the Nepal Telecommunications Authority

S.No.	Members Name	Designation	Date of		
			Appointment		
1.	Mr. Bhesh Raj Kanel	Chairman	2065/08/08		
2.	Mr Mahesh Prasad Adhikari	Member	2063/09/09		
3.	Mr. Balaram Pradhananga	Member	2063/09/09		
4.	Mr Tulsi Bhatta	Member	2064/04/07		
5.	Mr. Girindra Raj Adhikari	Member	2065/09/23		

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Appendix-1
NTA Licensing Activity at a glance as of 15 July 2009 (End of Ashad 2066)

S.		Fiscal Year									Existin			
No.	Services	Till 056/57	057/58	058/59	059/60	060/61	061/62	062/63	063/64	064/65	065/66	Total	License Cancelled	g
1.	Basic Telecommunication	•	1	-	1	-	•	-	-	1	-	3	•	3
2.	GSM Mobile	1	•	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	•	2
3.	Network Service Provider	6	1	3	-	1	•	-	2	1	-	14	5	9
4.	VSAT User	16	8	11	15	20	6	41	7	-	6	130	28	102
5.	Internet (with e-mail)	13	2	3	2	6	6	7	3	3	7	52	14	38
6.	Radio Paging	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	8	0
7.	Fax Mail	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	6	0
8.	Video Conferencing	1		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	•	1
9.	GMPCS	•	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	•	3
10.	Rural Telecom	•	•	-	-	1	•	-	-	1	-	2	•	2
11.	Limited Mobility	•	•	-	-	-	•	2	4	4	3	13	•	13
12.	Int. Trunk Telephone	•	•	-	-	-	•	-	-	2	-	2	•	2
13.	Rural VSAT User	•	•	-	-	-	•	-	-	1	2	3	•	3
14.	Rural ISP	•	•	-	-	-	•	-	-	-	1	1	ı	1
	Total		16	17	20	28	13	50	17	13	19	240	61	179

Source: NTA License Section