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PART II – Section 1

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## CHAPTER I

PRELIMINARY

1. a. This Act may be called the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Act, 1997.  
b. It extended to the whole of India.  
c. It shall be deemed to have come into force on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1997.

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### Definitions

(1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires :-

- a. “appointed day” mean the date with effect from which the Authority is established under sub-section (1) of section 3;
  - b. “Authority” means the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India established under sub-section (1) of section 3;
  - c. “Chairperson” means the Chairperson of the Authority appointed under sub-section (3) of section 3;
  - d. “Fund” means the Fund constituted under sub-section (1) of 22;
  - e. “Licencee” means any person licenced under sub-section (1) of section 4 of the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 for providing specified public telecommunication services;
  - f. “member” means a member of the Authority appointed under sub-section (3) of section 3 and includes the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson ;
  - g. “notification” means a notification published in the Official Gazette;
  - h. “prescribed” means prescribed by rules made under this Act;
  - i. “regulations” means regulations made by the Authority under this Act;
  - j. “service provider” means the Government and includes a licensee;
  - k. “telecommunication service” means service of any description (including electronic mail, voice mail, data services, audio tex service, video tex services, radio paging and cellular mobile telephone services) which is made available to users by means of any transmission or reception of signs, signals, writing, images and sounds or intelligence of any nature, by wire, radio, visual or other electro-magnetic means but shall not include broadcasting services.
- (2) Words and expressions used and not defined in this Act but defined in the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 or the Indian Wireless Telegraphy Act, 1933 shall have the meanings respectively assigned to them in those Acts.
- (3) Any reference in this Act to a law which is not in force in the State of Jammu and Kashmir shall in relation to that State be construed as a reference to the corresponding law, if any, in that State.

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