

Q Critically analyse the draft of Indian Telecommunication bill 2022 released by the Government of India.

### Introduction

The Department of Telecommunications has released the Draft Telecommunication Bill 2022 replacing the Indian Telegraph Act of 1885.

### Positive side

↳ Any revision to telecom policies including licensing conditions and payment, will not have any retrospective effect. It provides certainty to the firms.

↳ Verifiable identification of the calling party to be displayed to the receiver.

↳ Optimal utilisation of radio spectrum for commercial mobile services ⇒ for spectrum trading, sharing, leasing, etc.

↳ Option for allocation to assign radio spectrum other than using auctions.

↳ Recognition of telecommunication facility providers and associated Right of way Enablement

### Negative side

↳ OTT under a light touch regulation is needed due to their power in capturing and using personal

### Information (PI)

↳ By regulating OTTs on par with mobile

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Network operators (MNOs) with similar terms and conditions including heavy licensing is a serious problem

↳ total absence of any modification to the role of Telecommunications Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)

↳ except for cosmetic changes to the TRAI Act 1997.

↳ Centre's overreaching power to regulate all aspects of telecommunication in the interest of National security

↳ level of details regarding Sanctions and Penalties in the Bill is very small

↳ Telecommunications has morphed into digital communication

## conclusion

Bill's scope should be expanded to address the newly emerging digital communications sector and other related sectors regulators Data Protection Authority, eCI and Consumer Protection Authority.