

**BILATERAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN INDIA AND MALDIVES
RELATED TO ORBIT FREQUENCY COORDINATION OF 'SOUTH
ASIA SATELLITE' PROPOSED AT 48°E**

The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of Maldives, hereinafter individually referred to as 'India' and 'Maldives' respectively and collectively as the 'Parties':

Recalling the discussions held on 'Satellite for SAARC region' on 22nd June 2015 in New Delhi, India which will henceforth be called as 'South Asia Satellite';

Desiring to facilitate international orbit-frequency coordination under the Radio Regulations of International Telecommunication Union (ITU);

Have reached the following Agreement on Orbit Frequency Coordination of 'South Asia Satellite':

Article 1

This agreement between 'India' and 'Maldives' shall be used for the purpose of:

1.1 Performing intersystem orbit-frequency coordination, on behalf of SAARC member nations, with all non-SAARC countries identified by ITU for the operation of 'South Asia Satellite'.

1.2. Fulfilling ITU level regulatory requirements and obtaining international level protection/recognition for this 'South Asia Satellite'.

Article 2

2.1 The proposed 'South Asia Satellite', will be utilised by member countries of SAARC for various satellite based services requiring connectivity among SAARC nations.

2.2 India will design, build and launch the satellite. India will be performing necessary ITU regulatory actions.

2.3 The proposed 'South Asia Satellite' will be a geostationary satellite and is planned to be located at 48°E. This satellite will be using the bands 13000-13250 MHz for uplink (LV and LH polarisations) and 11200-11450 MHz for

downlink (LH and LV polarisations) in conformity with the provisions of ITU Radio Regulations (ITU RR) Appendix 30B. Service area and coverage area will include the territories of all SAARC member countries.

2.4 The operation of the satellite will be covered under Indian ITU filing INSAT-KUP-FSS (48E).

2.5 Maldives recognises that in order to fulfil the requirement of the provision 6.6 of ITU RR Appendix 30B, agreement of the administrations whose territory is included in the service area of the proposed satellite network is necessary. Maldives hereby agrees for the inclusion of its territory in the service area of the proposed 'South Asia Satellite' covered under the ITU filing mentioned in point no. 2.4 above.

2.6 Maldives hereby agrees that India, acting as the Notifying administration on behalf of the group of SAARC countries, can convey this agreement to ITU during the process of coordination. Maldives also agrees to convey this agreement to ITU, when the filing is published by ITU.

Article 3

Disputes between the Parties concerning the interpretation or application of this Agreement shall be settled through diplomatic channels

This Agreement shall come into effect from the date of its signatures by the authorised representative of the Parties.

In Witness thereof, the undersigned being duly authorised by their respective Governments have signed this Agreement, on the 11th day of April 2016, in two originals in the English language.

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Republic of India

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