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This contribution proposed a response to India TRAI consultation on “Leveraging Artificial Intelligence and Big Data in Telecommunication Sector”.

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Re: Consultation on “Leveraging Artificial Intelligence and Big Data in Telecommunication Sector”

**Dear TRAI,**

IEEE 802 LAN/MAN Standards Committee (LMSC) thanks TRAI for issuing the consultation and the opportunity to provide feedback on “Leveraging Artificial Intelligence and Big Data in Telecommunication Sector”. The Consultation is an important mechanism for soliciting feedback that will provide TRAI with the information necessary.

IEEE 802 LMSC is a leading consensus-based industry standards body, producing standards for wireless networking devices, including wireless local area networks (“WLANs”), wireless specialty networks (“WSNs”), wireless metropolitan area networks (“Wireless MANs”), and wireless regional area networks (“WRANs”). We also produce standards for wired ethernet networks, and technologies produced by implementers of our standards are critical for all networked applications today.

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In the past ten years, the IEEE 802 LMSC has overseen the development of standards (including both IEEE Std. 802.11ac-2014 [1] and IEEE Std. 802.11ax-2021 [2]) that operate in unlicensed bands and are capable of providing gigabit throughput, i.e., provide physical layer throughput over 1 Gb/s. The current Wi-Fi 6 and Wi-Fi 6E technologies [3] are developed based on the IEEE Std. 802.11ax-2021 standard. IEEE P802.11be [4] is expected to provide physical layer throughput capacity at gigabit speeds and it is the basis that the upcoming Wi-Fi 7 technologies [5] utilize for development. These IEEE 802 technologies have become an integral part of global citizens’ lives, known best as “the 5 GHz network”. Next generation technologies utilizing both 5 GHz and 6 GHz bands in order to satisfy new requirements in internet of things or lower latency and jitter requirements for applications such as home video, video conferencing or video gaming are already developed and continue to be improved by our hundreds of standards development contributors.

In light of the important role IEEE 802 technologies play in Indian network ecosystems and as related to the needs of citizens of India. IEEE 802 LMSC would like to highlight the importance of license exempt designation. Developments in Wireless Access Systems (WAS) including Radio Local Area Networks (RLAN) such as Wireless Local Area Networks (WLAN) (IEEE 802.11) and Wireless Specialty Networks (WSN) (IEEE 802.15) technologies are crucial components in realizing the National Digital Communications Policy (NDCP), 2018 seeking unlocking of the transformative power of digital communications networks for achieving the goal of digital empowerment and improved well-being of the people of India. [6]. More specifically, IEEE 802 technologies are critical in realizing Connect India mission to create Broadband for All and the goal of 10 million public Wi-Fi Hotspots.

In this response, IEEE 802 LMSC would like to inform TRAI about relevant IEEE 802 projects to the consultation.

In this response, IEEE 802 LMSC would like to provide our response to Question 30 by informing TRAI about relevant IEEE 802 projects to the consultation.

Artificial Intelligence Machine Learning (AIML) Topic Interest Group (https://www.ieee802.org/11/Reports/aiml\_update.htm) within the IEEE 802.11 working group was initiated in May 2022 to explore use cases of AIML that will apply to IEEE 802.11 systems and devices as well as the technical feasibility of these use cases. The group is expected to complete its report on the topic at or before March 2023. The report will include AIML use cases for IEEE 802.11, requirements and features analysis and technical feasibility analysis. One of the main objectives of the study as related to Q.1 of consultation is to work on requirements, features and feasibility for implementation into Wireless LAN and 802.11 technologies.

In the IEEE 802 November 2022 plenary, there is also an IEEE 802 Tutorial entitled " Wi-Fi Meets ML: Re-thinking Next-generation Wi-Fi Networks". This tutorial introduces the key AI/ML concepts that are essential to understanding the application of AI/ML, concisely presenting the basics of Supervised Learning, Unsupervised Learning, and Reinforcement Learning techniques. It also describes network architectural aspects to support ML, such as centralized and distributed model training and deployment. The second part of the tutorial describes representative use cases where AI/ML techniques are used to improve IEEE 802.11 performance, covering several examples in detail. Finally, to end the tutorial, a list of open challenges to adopting AI/ML in IEEE 802.11 are discussed.

IEEE 802 would like to invite TRAI to follow IEEE works on the area and incorporate the IEEE 802.11 views on Artificial Intelligence Machine Learning into the proceedings in addition to those from 5G. Our response highlights the role of IEEE 802 and RLAN in Connect India mission to create Broadband for All for which we believe IEEE 802 technologies to be critical, also in supporting and complementing 5G.

**Conclusion**

IEEE 802 LMSC thanks the TRAI for providing this invaluable opportunity to provide this submission. IEEE 802 LMSC respectfully provides information about its project in the area of Artificial Intelligence Machine Learning that will apply to IEEE 802.11 systems and RLAN.

Respectfully submitted

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