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New Delhi: The Telecom Disputes Settlement Appellate Tribunal on Tuesday quashed the limit of 200 text messages a day imposed by the sector regulator just days after the Delhi High Court issued a similar verdict.

The tribunal announced the ruling in response to a petition filed by Yuva Sena president Aditya Thackeray, grandson of Siv Sena chief Bal Thackeray, who said that the text message cap per SIM was 'arbitrary' and should be imposed only on those sending promotional messages.

Last week, the Delhi High Court allowed mobile phone users to send unlimited messages, setting aside the cap of 200 messages a day, in response to a petition filed by NGO Telecom Watchdog. In order to keep unsolicited promotional messages in check, the court allowed Trai to bring out more measures to deal with this menace

Trai imposed the restriction of sending only 100 messages per day as part of its tough Telecom Commercial Communications Customer Preference Regulations that were issued in September last year to stop unsolicited calls and messages. The limit was raised by another 100 messages in November.

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