V Manjula, IAS Principal Secretary to Government



Karnataka Government Secretariat Department of Personnel & Administrative Reforms (e-Governance)

Yours sincerely,

No. CEG/09/SWAN/NOFN/ 2014

Dated 30-05-2016

Dear SW)

Sub: Right of Way permission to BSNL for laying Optical Fibre Cable for implementation of NOFN Project to Gram panchayaths in Karnataka.

As you may be aware that, Government of India has rolled out the "National Optical Fibre Network (NOFN)" for creating Information Highway providing Broadband connectivity to all Gram panchayaths in India to bridge the Digital India.

Govt. of India has set up Bharat Broadband Network Ltd (BBNL) a SPV for implementation of NOFN across country. The work is being executed through Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL). For faster implementation of NOFN project, State Government has to extend free Right Of Way (ROW) by exemption of reinstatement charges etc for building the Information Highway proposed to be created through NOFN for Broadband connectivity to Gram Panchayaths as a primary need for the benefit of the local communities.

BBNL/BSNL has completed the laying of OFC for 5057 GPs out of 5631 GPs\* in Karnataka. The Broadband service has been already commissioned for 2940 GPs in Karnataka.

BSNL during the meeting held on 20-05-2016 expressed that the laying of Optical fibre Cable is held up due to the pending permission from your department for the Gram Panchayaths as per the enclosed list.

Therefore it is requested your kind intervene to instruct your all concerned offices to extend all kind of support and necessary permission for laying OFC by BBNL/BSNL for NOFN project for the Gram panchayaths as per the list enclosed.

To,

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