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Secretary to Govt. Haryana & Director General, Electronics & Information Technology Department Chandigarh

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Subject: Regarding provision of space for installing terminal equipment for National Optic Fiber Network (NOFN) in each Gram Panchayat of Haryana.

- You are aware that Haryana Government has signed a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Govt. of India (GoI) and Bharat Broadband Network Limited (BBNL) on 24.01.2014 for the implementation of National Optical Fiber Network (NOFN) in the State of Haryana.
- 2. Under this project, all the Gram Panchayats of the Haryana State are to be connected on fiber which will be primarily for the benefit of the local communities/Panchayats/villages/State Govt. leading to delivery of services i.e. Govt. of citizen (G2C) and Citizen to Govt. (C2G) at the door steps of the citizen through Citizen Service Centres (CSCs) being established all across the State. This will also facilitate collection of data at source through by these CSCs and will prove to be an asset to the State in creating State Resident Data Base for efficient service delivery.
- 3. The BBNL through BSNL, Haryana Circle has initiated the NOFN project in the State and shall be implementing it in two phases. Under Phase I of this project, 4221 Gram Panchayats covering 92 blocks are to be provided with connectivity. BSNL for optimum utilization of the resources has considered few Gram Panchayats from one District/block for connectivity with other District/Block. The list of Gram Panchayats being covered by BBNL in its Phase I in your district is enclosed herewith for your kind reference.
- 4. As informed by BBNL, optical fiber in 416 Gram Panchayats covering 10 districts of the State has been laid. However, in the absence of proper space and power, BBNL is not able to install the terminal equipment for terminating the fibre cable for these Gram Panchayats. In this regard, I have already requested Deputy Commissioners of these 10



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districts vide a separate DO letter no. 2/373/2SIT/1757-1766 dated 11.12.2014 to provide a secured built up space with power to BBNL for the installation of the terminal equipment in any Government building in the respective Gram Panchayats under their respective district. It has also been requested that a coordinator at block level should be nominated along with a custodian of the equipment at Panchayat level.

- 5. As BSNL intends to cover 4221 Gram Panchayats in the State in 1st Phase of NOFN project and the CSCs planned by the State Government are finally to be located in the same building where the NOFN equipment will be installed, it is therefore requested to identify a suitable premises (minimum 800 sq. ft.) in each Gram Panchayats for the purpose. Out of the identified premises, a secured built up space of 100 sq.ft. along with 200 watt power may be provided to BBNL on priority for the installation of the terminal equipment for termination of the fibre cable. It is further requested that a custodian at Panchayat level may also be nominated who will be handed over the equipment and will further take care of the equipment till the installation of CSC operator to whom we propose hire out the premises for CSC operations.
- A list of the nodal officers of BSNL deputed at each district for implementation of NOFN project is also enclosed herewith for your kind reference and further co-ordination.

With regards.

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All Deputy Commissioners (List Attached)