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Government of India
Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Department of Social Justice and Empowerment
(PMAGY Cell)

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001

Dated: 18.02.2021

To

1. The Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries in charge of Social Welfare/Scheduled Castes Welfare Department in the State/UTs of Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, J&K, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Odisha, Punjab, Puducherry, Rajasthan, Tripura, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand.
2. The Principal Secretaries of Rural Development Department, Govt. of Haryana and Govt. of Jharkhand.
3. The Principal Secretary, Panchayanti Raj Department, Govt of Telangana.
4. The Director, Directorate of Community and Rural Development, Government of Meghalaya, Shillong

Subject:- Implementation of Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAGY) - Saturation of Monitorable Indicator: 9.1- Does the village have access to Internet connectivity? and 9.2-Does the village have a Common Service Centre or Cyber Cafe? in the PMAGY villages -reg

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Department's letter of even No. dated 14.12.2020(copy enclosed) vide which it was informed that the Deptt. of Telecommunication, Government of India, is implementing Bharat Net project in order to provide broadband connectivity to all the Gram Panchayats across India and it has been requested to approach the the district level authorities {State level Authorities in the Department of Telecommunications or Bharat Broadband Network Limited or Common Service Centre (an SPV under MeitY)} responsible for implementation of Bharat Net project in your State in order to saturate the need arising out any against the Monitorable indicators no. 9.1 and 9.2.

2. It is again requested to direct the District level officers to use the service of Bharat Net provided by DoT and saturate the PMAGY villages against this facility. The recent letters received from DoT in this regard are attached for your kind reference.

Encl: As above.

Yours faithfully,

Signature Not Verified
Digitally signed by DEEPAK KUMAR SAH
Date: 2021.02.18 16:03:54 IST

(Deepak Kumar Sah)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

Tel: 011-23383688

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Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi

Dated 14.12.2020

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Subject:-Implementation of Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana(PMAGY) - Saturation of Monitorable Indicator - 9.1 Does the village have access to Internet connectivity? and 9.2 : Does the village have a Common Service Centre or Cyber Cafe? in the PMAGY villages -reg.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to say that the Deptt. of Telecommunication, Government of India, is implementing BharatNet project in order to provide broadband connectivity to all the Gram Panchayats across India. In order to saturate the need arising out against the 2 Monitorable Indicators namely "9.1 Does the village have access to Internet connectivity?" and "9.2 Does the village have a Common Service Centre or Cyber Cafe?" of the scheme, the district level authorities (State level Authorities in the Department of Telecommunications or Bharat Broadband Network Limited or Common Service Centre (an SPV under MeitY)) responsible for implementation of BharatNet project in your State may be approached for doing the needful.

Yours faithfully,

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Date: 2020.12.14 15:09:15 IST

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Anshu Prakash, I.A.S
Secretary

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दूरसंचार विभागGovernment of India
Ministry of Communications
Department of Telecommunications
D.O. No. 30-166-BB-USOF
Dated the 12th February, 2021

Dear Shri Subrahmanyam,


On the issue of leveraging the broadband infrastructure under BharatNet by providing a bouquet of services to the rural population, the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has been requesting interventions by various Central Government Ministries / Departments and also from the State Governments. In this connection, meetings have been held at the level of Administrator, USOF and the undersigned where representatives of the relevant Ministries/ Departments have participated. For your easy reference, enclosed herewith are minutes of the meeting chaired by the undersigned on 17.11.2020 and D.O. letter dated 8.01.2021 addressed by the Administrator, USOF to Secretaries of relevant Ministries/ Departments in Government of India.

2. The operationalization of Gram Panchayats under BharatNet is now progressing at a fast pace. DoT is closely monitoring the network uptime as also the data usage under BharatNet. We reiterate our request that each Ministry/ Department utilizes BharatNet by offering maximum number of services to the rural population, wherever BharatNet reach is available and operational.

3. We request you to issue necessary directions to all the field Agencies as also to all the participating Departments of the State Governments funded under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) of your Ministry, for maximizing the bouquet of services offered under BharatNet.

With regards

Yours sincerely,


(Anshu Prakash)

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Dear Sir

I am happy to inform you that BharatNet, one of the largest rural broadband projects of the world, is being implemented for providing broadband connectivity to all the Gram Panchayats of the country. It is imperative that the BharatNet infrastructure should be utilised to provide maximum number of services in rural areas by the Ministries/Departments.

2. In the Budget speech of the year 2020, it was also announced that FTTH (Fiber to the Home connections, i.e. high speed broadband on OFC) in 1 lakh GPs, through BharatNet, will link public institutions for delivery of e-Governance services. In pursuance of the above, CSC e-Governance Services India Ltd (a Special purpose vehicle of Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, Government of India) has been assigned the implementation of the above task. The installation of the FTTH at the 5 Government institutions per GP is free and no User charges are to be paid for the first year. So far about 3.28 lakh FTTH connections have been provided in Government Institutions.

3. Recently, Secretary (T) chaired a meeting on 17.11.2020 with the concerned Ministries/Departments regarding utilisation of BharatNet broadband infrastructure and enhancing the bouquet of services in rural areas. Prior to the above meeting, on 21.08.2020, I had convened a meeting of a Committee having Joint Secretary level Members from the User Ministries/Departments in this regard wherein it was decided that the concerned Ministries/Departments will issue necessary instructions to sensitize their counterparts in the States.

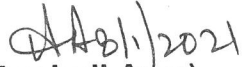
4. Accordingly, I request for the following:

- i. Expediting the utilization of BharatNet broadband network by offering maximum number of services through broadband in rural areas.

- ii. Providing the details of the services that can be offered on BharatNet Network, as already requested vide this office letter of even No. dated 28.12.2020.
- iii. The State Governments be advised to take FTTH connections under the above scheme for the relevant public institutions under your Ministry/Department.
- iv. Identifying/Designating a Joint Secretary level officer in your Ministry/Department to coordinate with Department of Telecommunication for providing FTTH connections under BharatNet for the identified public institutions at GP level (if not done so far).

Regards

Yours sincerely,


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