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GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA

**DIRECTORATE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

ITI Road, Indranagar, Agartala - 799 006

Dated, 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2024MEMORANDUM

Subject: - Free ROW permission for laying OFC under BharatNet Project in Tripura.

BharatNet (earlier National Optical Fiber Network (NOFN)) project was being implemented in the State to extend high speed internet connectivity to Gram Panchayats (GPs)/ Village Committees (VCs) through Bharat Broadband Network Limited (BBNL).

2. Earlier, 1020 GPs/VCs of Tripura were included into the scope of BharatNet consisting of 878 GPs as part of Bharatnet Phase I (through OFC) and 142 GPs as part of Bharatnet Phase II (through Satellite). Under Phase-I, BharatNet connectivity had been commissioned in 591 GPs/VCs by BBNL and handed over to BSNL w.e.f. 01 July 2022 for Operation & Maintenance (O&M) and service delivery. However, currently BharatNet connectivity is working in around 347 GP/VCs (out of 591). Remaining (591-347) =244 nos. GP/VCs under Phase-I are having faulty OFC, etc, which is being repaired by BSNL (or agency engaged by BSNL).

3. BharatNet (earlier NOFN) is a Govt. of India funded project. And State Government signed a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding vide No.NOFN/RoW-26 dated, 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2012 with Department of Telecommunications, Govt. of India and BBNL, wherein it was agreed that **No ROW charges including reinstatement charges would be levied by the State Government, their local bodies, companies or agencies as the information highway proposed to be created through BharatNet (earlier NOFN) for broadband connectivity to Panchayats is primarily for the benefit of the local communities to Panchayats and State Government.** This support will be considered as contribution of the State Government towards this project as a larger good for ensuring time bound implementation of the programme and to avoid any delays in grant of ROW permission.

4. As such, all concerned are requested to provide free ROW permission to BSNL (or agency engaged by BSNL) for smooth implementation and O&M of the BharatNet Project in Tripura.

Signed by

Naresh Babu N

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(Dr. Naresh Babu N, IFS)Director, IT,  
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To,

The Chief Engineer, PWD(R&amp;B) / PWD(NH), Govt. of Tripura

Copy to:

- (1) The Principal Secretary, IT, Govt. of Tripura for kind information
- (2) The Secretary, IT, Govt. of Tripura for kind information
- (3) The Secretary, PWD, Govt. of Tripura for kind information
- (4) The DM & Collector, North Tripura/ South Tripura/ West Tripura/ Dhalai/ Unakoti/ Gomati/ Sepahijala/ Khowai for kind information
- (5) The GM, BSNL, Tripura for information and necessary action.

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**GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA**  
**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**Dated, Agartala, the 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2024.**

**To:**

All Executive Engineers, PWD(R&B) Divisions.

**Copy to:**

1. The Additional Chief Engineer, Planning & Design Unit, PWD(R&B)
2. The Superintending Engineers, Monitoring Cell / 1<sup>st</sup> Circle/2<sup>nd</sup> Circle/3<sup>rd</sup> Circle/4<sup>th</sup> Circle/ 5<sup>th</sup> Circle, PWD(R&B).
3. The Engineering Officer & Deputy Secretary-I & III, PWD.
- ✓ 4. ITCC, PWD, Netaji Chowmuhani, Agartala.

Signed by

Rajib Paul

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**Deputy Secretary, PWD**  
**Government of Tripura**