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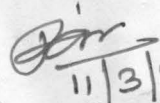
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11th March, 2020

Subject:- Monthly Summary for the Cabinet on important events of the Department of Telecommunications for the month of January, 2020.

The undersigned is directed to circulate herewith a copy of the unclassified portion of the Monthly Summary for the Cabinet on the important events of the Department of Telecommunications for the month of January, 2020 for information.

2. This issues with the approval of Secretary (T).

Hindi version will follow please.


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- (i) P.S. to Hon'ble Minister of State for Communications (IC).
- (ii) PSO to Chairman, Digital Communications Commission & Secretary, DOT.
- (iii) Sr. PPS/PPS to Member(Finance)/Member(Services)/Member (Technology)/DG (Telecom) HQ.

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10. Director General (Media & Communications), Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, ShastriBhawan, New Delhi.

11. Policy-I Section w.r.t. their letter No. 6/6/2008-Policy-I dated 14.11.2008.

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MONTHLY SUMMARY FOR THE CABINET ON IMPORTANT EVENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 2020

A. Important events in DoT HQ:

Flagging off of submarine cable laying by Hon'ble Minister of Communications, Electronic & IT and Law & Justice: The inaugural ceremony of submarine cable laying work held in Chennai on 09.01.2020 and presided over by Hon'ble Minister of Communications, Electronics & IT and Law & Justice in presence of Hon'ble Lt. Governor Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Hon'ble MoC flagged off the start of submarine cable laying work at Chennai Port. Hon'ble Prime Minister had laid foundation stone of this project on 30.12.2018 at Port Blair. Under this project, DoT has undertaken first Submarine Optical Fibre Cable link for providing domestic connectivity between Mainland (Chennai) to Port Blair and seven other Islands of Andaman & Nicobar namely, Swaraj Deep (Havelock), Long Island, Rangat, Hutbay (Little Andaman), Kamorta, Car Nicobar & Campbell Bay (Great Nicobar). Around 2250 Kms of submarine cable is to be laid under this project. Submarine cable laying work of 1450 Kms between Chennai - Port Blair segment has been completed so far. Target for completion of this project is June, 2020.

B. Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) in BSNL and MTNL:

As approved by the Cabinet in its meeting held on 23.10.2019, VRS has been implemented successfully both in BSNL and MTNL. Under this scheme, a total no. of 92,956 employees of both PSUs (BSNL - 78,569 and MTNL- 14,387) who opted for VRS have retired on 31.01.2020.

C. Implementation of decisions of Digital Communications Commission (DCC) taken at its 7th meeting on 19.12.2019: Following activities with regard to implementation were undertaken during the month :

- (i) For revised state wise implementation strategy for PPP model, an EoI was floated for industry consultation & feedback and the same was finalized. An RFP in this regard will now be floated for completion of pending connectivity in BharatNet as well as Operation & Maintenance and utilization of the network.
- (ii) For provisioning of Digital Satellite Phone Terminals (DSPTs) in Border areas for Armed Forces, orders have been issued for setting up of VSAT terminals at these locations along with necessary provisioning of Satellite hub and bandwidth.
- (iii) For 4G connectivity in uncovered villages in Andaman & Nicobar Islands, RFP was floated and is under process for finalization.
- (iv) For 502 uncovered villages for providing 4G services in Aspirational districts, RFP has been prepared.

D. PERFORMANCE OF PSUs OF DOT

1. BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LTD. (BSNL)

- (i) Total 2G Base Transceiver Station (BTS) added during the month of December, 2019: 92
- (ii) Total 3G Node-Bs added during the month of December, 2019: 165
- (iii) Total 4G e-Node-Bs added during the month of December, 2019: 40
- (iv) 0.202 Million ports are migrated out of 5 Million ports under NGN C5 project during the Month of January, 2020.
- (v) 1462 Dels are migrated in C-DOT MAX NG during month of January, 2020.
- (vi) Gross Landline Achievement: 29,905 connections.
- (vii) Gross Broadband Asymmetric digital subscriber line (ADSL) Achievement: 23,623 connections.
- (viii) Gross Broadband Fibre to the Home (FTTH) Achievement: 59,223 connections.
- (ix) UIDAI Project: Approx. 4120 Adhar Enrolments kits have been installed and around 1500 Adhar Centers have started functioning in different circles.

2. TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONSULTANTS INDIA LIMITED (TCIL)

Turnover Highlights: Provisional Operating Turnover upto December, 2019 for the FY 2019-20 is ₹ 1155.76 crores against Rs. 1028.37 crores for FY 2018-19 for the corresponding period.

Major Highlights: New orders secured this month for a total of approximately ₹ 51.27 crores from Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Oman, Mauritius and Chhattisgarh Tourism Board & NTRO Delhi.

3. **INDIAN TELEPHONE INDUSTRY (ITI):** In the month of January, 2019, M/s ITI Limited has achieved a turnover of ₹ 90.51 crore and a cumulative turnover of ₹ 1714.03 crore against the MoU target of ₹ 3898.00 crores for good rating. It has orders (balance orders + A.P.O) of ₹ 12949.48 crore as on 31.01.2020.

4. **BharatNet:** BharatNet project is being implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity to all the Gram Panchayats (approx. 2,50,000) in the country. The cumulative status of the BharatNet project, as on 31st January, 2020 is as follows:

Optical Fiber Cable laid	:	4,12,460 KMs
GPs made service ready	:	1,34,736 GPs
GPs provided Satellite connectivity	:	1313 GPs

For effective operation, maintenance and utilization of the created network of BharatNet project, the work of O&M in all the GPs of Phase-I is being carried out by CSC-SPV. An agreement to this effect was signed between USOF, DoT, BBNL and CSC on 15th July, 2019. Further, as per Digital Communications Commission (DCC)'s decision in December, 2019, provisioning of the 1 Wi-Fi Access Point (AP) and 5 FTTH connection in 5 Government Institutions at GPs – School, Health & Wellness Centre, Aangan wadi, PDS shop, Post Offices, GP Offices etc. has been assigned to CSC e-Governance services India Ltd, a company set up and controlled by MeitY, Government of India, and Rajasthan Government/RISL.

Utilization of the BharatNet network:

Wi-Fi installed	:	45,769 GPs
Active Wi-Fi	:	18,037 GPs
FTTH connections	:	38,833
SWAN integration	:	5325
Lease out Bandwidth	:	4,05,468 Mbps
Dark Fiber Leasing	:	6697 KMs

D. TOTAL NO.OF TELEPHONES & TELEDENSITY

The details regarding number of telephones and tele-density in the country at the end of December, 2019 is as under-

Total no. of telephone connections	1171.43 million
Total no. of wireline telephones	19.95 million
Total no. of wireless telephones	1151.48 million
Overall tele-density	88.49%
