

**Ministry of Communications
Department of Telecommunications
Office of Administrator, USOF**

No. 30-170-1/2021/Cox Bazar/USOF

Dated: 23.02.2022

To

The CMD
Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. (BSNL)
Bharat Sanchar Bhawan
Janpath, New Delhi.

Subject: Addendum-1 to the Agreement No. 30-170-1/2020/Cox Bazar/USOF dated 18.08.2021 for hiring of additional 10 Gbps International Bandwidth for Internet connectivity to Agartala from BSCCL, Bangladesh.

This is in reference to the Agreement No. 30-170-1/2020/Cox Bazar/USOF signed on 18.08.2021 between USOF and BSNL for hiring/restoring of 10 Gbps International Bandwidth for Internet Connectivity to Agartala from BSCCL, Bangladesh via Cox Bazar/Kuakata for 3 Years. Further, this office letter No. 30-170-1/2021/Cox Bazar/USOF dated 28.12.2021 and BSNL's proposal vide letter No. BSNL CO-ILD/21(22)/V2022-ILD dated 17.01.2022 may also be referred regarding the hiring of additional 10 Gbps International Bandwidth by BSNL from BSCCL, Bangladesh.

2. In this regard, it has been approved that USOF shall provide financial support of Rs. 2,58,45,261 crore per annum for a period of three years (i.e. a total amount of Rs. 7,75,35,783 crore over a period of 3 years) from the actual date of hiring of additional 10 Gbps International Bandwidth for Internet Connectivity to Agartala from BSCCL, Bangladesh via Cox Bazar/Kuakata. The Calculation Sheet is given in enclosed **Table-II** for Financial Support from USOF for additional 10 Gbps International Bandwidth. The aforesaid financial support is calculated, based on the conversion rate of 1 Dollar = INR 76. However, the actual financial support will be subject to the applicability of rate of conversion of Dollar into Rupee.
3. The subsidy claim for this additional 10 Gbps International Bandwidth is required to be submitted as per the enclosed **Revised Annexures** (i.e. Annexure-I, Annexure-II Annexure-III & Annexure-A of **Addendum-1**). Further, wherever the text "10 Gbps" appears in the Agreement, the same may be read as "additional 10 Gbps" for the purpose of this **Addendum-1**. All other terms and conditions of the Agreement No. 30-170-1/2020/Cox Bazar/USOF dated 18.08.2021 shall be applicable for hiring of this additional 10 Gbps international bandwidth also.
4. BSNL is requested to submit unequivocal and unconditional acceptance of this **Addendum** to the USOF.


(Arun Gupta)

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PPS to Secretary (T)/PPS to Administrator, USOF
PGM (ILD), BSNL CO./DDG-I, USOF/JA(F), USOF

TABLE-II

Calculation Sheet for Financial Support for additional 10 Gbps International Bandwidth at Agartala from BSCCL (through Cox Bazar/Kuakata link)				
Items		USOF subsidy for 1st year	USOF subsidy for 2nd year	USOF subsidy for 3rd year
(a)	Cost of 10 Gbps per annum (In USD)	5,28,000	5,28,000	5,28,000
(b)	Cost of 10 Gbps (in INR @ 76)	4,01,28,000	4,01,28,000	4,01,28,000
(c)	Cost of 10 Gbps ILL Chennai Link per annum (In INR)	78,21,424*	78,21,424*	78,21,424*
(d)	Net additional Cost to BSNL {(b)- (c) } per annum (In INR)	3, 23, 06,576	3, 23, 06,576	3, 23, 06,576
(e)	Adhoc Revenue adjustment (i.e. 20% of (d)) (In INR)	64, 61, 315	64, 61, 315	64, 61, 315
(f)	Net Amount to be funded by USOF {(d) - (e)} (In INR)	2,58,45,261	2,58,45,261	2,58,45,261
(g)	Total Funding for three years (In INR)	7,75,35,783		

Note: Withholding tax is not applicable for Bangladesh, as per BSNL.

*Deduction of Chennai Link will be dynamic, based on the rate discovery in the tender for the period.

ANNEXURE- I OF ADDENDUM-1

AFFIDAVIT (ON STAMP PAPER) FORMAT FOR STATEMENT OF SUBSIDY CLAIM

AGREEMENT NO. _____ DATED _____ FOR _____ (USP)

I,, aged about Years s/o, d/o of Shri, resident of, do solemnly affirm and state as under:

1. That I amof (_____), Universal Service Provider in Licensed Service Area and I am duly authorized by BSNL to furnish an Affidavit on behalf of _BSNL_____ (USP).

2. That a claim of Rs. _____ (In words) for the period _____ pertains to the hiring of additional 10 Gbps International Bandwidth for Internet connectivity to Agartala from BSCCL, Bangladesh via Cox Bazar/Kuakata after the date of entering into the Agreement, for which commissioning self-certificate is submitted as **Annexure-A** including study of incremental revenue, as per the Agreement. The calculation sheet for this claim, as per the format of **Table-II** of the Addendum No. 1 issued vide letter No. 30-170-1/2021/Cox Bazar/USOF dated 23.02.2022 of the Agreement, along with additional details, if any, is attached.
 - a. That a yearly subsidy claim of Rs. (Rupees) for the period _____ is being made for hiring of additional 10 Gbps International Bandwidth for Internet connectivity to Agartala from BSCCL, Bangladesh via Cox Bazar/Kuakata, as per Addendum No. 1 dated 23.02.2022 and clause 5.2 of the Agreement. Further it is certified that this claim is based on the actual payment is made to BSCCL, Bangladesh incurred by USP.

3. That the content of this Annexure, along with **Annexure-A**, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, based on the records of the company, which are available for further verification by the appropriate authorities and that the additional 10 Gbps International Bandwidth has been commissioned/hired & were functional and internet services have been rendered by utilizing aforesaid bandwidth from the date as stated.

4. That any advance claimed and paid to USP for the aforesaid bandwidth shall be adjustable against the amount payable for the aforesaid bandwidth.
5. That any subsidy claimed in arrears or in advance shall be utilized for the purpose as stipulated in the Agreement.
6. That excess payment or shortage, if any, in the subsidy received shall be adjusted in the following year(s) based on the statements duly certified by the Auditors of the Company and scrutiny as prescribed by the Administrator.
7. The services provided under this Agreement have not been utilized in claiming subsidy under any other Agreement entered into with the Administrator.
8. That the additional 10 Gbps International Bandwidth has been hired under the Agreement and would continue to be operated & maintained as per the terms & conditions of the Agreement and the relevant License Agreement.
9. I understand that Administrator or their representative shall have right to inspect & verify the site and records & systems, during the currency of the Agreement and if any deficiency is observed the subsidy paid to the company shall be recovered forthwith, without prejudice to the right of Administrator to take any other action(s) as deemed fit.

For and on behalf of USP

Signature & Stamp of the authorized signatory of the USP



ANNEXURE-II OF ADDENDUM-1

**FORMAT FOR AUDITOR'S REPORT ON STATEMENT OF CLAIM FOR
SUBSIDY FROM USOF**

To

The Board of Directors

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We have examined the attached Statement(s) of claim for subsidy from USO Fund of (The name of the Universal Service Provider) for the period (s) from----- to -----. We understand that the aforesaid statement(s) is /are to be furnished to the Central Government for assessment of the subsidy payable to the Universal Service Provider by the Government, in terms of the Agreement No. 30-170-1/2020/Cox Bazar/USOF dated 18.08.2021 and Addendum-I issued vide letter No. 30-170-1/2021/Cox Bazar/USOF dated 23.02.2022 for Subsidy Disbursement for hiring of additional 10 Gbps International Bandwidth for internet connectivity to Agartala from BSCCL, Bangladesh via Cox Bazar/Kuakata under Universal Service Obligation.

We report that:

1. We have examined all the records and obtained all the information and explanations, which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of our audit.
2. In our opinion and to the best of our knowledge and belief and according to the explanations given to us, the Statements have been prepared in accordance with the conditions contained in the said Agreement and instructions/guidelines issued there under and clarification thereon in this behalf and gives a true and fair view of the subsidy claims and utilized for the period computed on the basis of the aforesaid conditions.
3. In our opinion and to the best of information, record of interruption of additional 10 Gbps International Bandwidth for internet connectivity and record of traffic generated and revenue figures is kept in such a manner as to reflect the correct position, for the purpose of claiming subsidy.

(Name and Signature of the Auditor signing)



FOR AND ON BEHALF OF (NAME OF THE AUDITOR FIRM)

ANNEXURE-III OF ADDENDUM-1

Form of Utilization Certificate

Agreement No. _____ Dated _____

Sl. No.	USOF Subsidy installments	Sanction letter no.	Amount
1	Installment No. 1		
2	Installment No. 2		
3	Installment No. 3		

1. I certify that a sum of Rs. _____ Cr. for the hiring of additional 10 Gbps International Bandwidth, subsidy was received, as per details given above.
2. It is also certified that out of the above mentioned total funds of Rs. _____ Cr.; a sum of Rs. _____ Cr. only has been utilized for the purpose for which it was sanctioned. It is further certified that the unspent balance of Rs. _____ only was remaining as on _____ (date).
3. Certified that I have satisfied myself that the terms & conditions of the Agreement No. 30-170-1/2020/Cox Bazar/USOF dated 18.08.2021 and Addendum-I issued vide letter No. 30-170-1/2021/Cox Bazar/USOF dated 23.02.2022 have been duly fulfilled/are being fulfilled for which USOF subsidy was sanctioned and I have exercised the following checks to see that the money has been actually utilized for the purpose for which it was sanctioned.
 - i) BSNL's statement of accounts w.e.f. _____ (Date) have been duly audited and are enclosed/ would be submitted in final claim / would be forwarded by(specify the date) in accordance to Clause 5.3.3 of Financial Condition of the Agreement.
 - ii) It has been ensured that the deliverables and contractual obligations have been according to the requirements as per the Agreement.
4. The utilization of the aforesaid funds has resulted in following outputs: -

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(i) _____

(ii) _____

5. Certicate that the responsibilities assigned under the Agreement has been satisfactorily completed.

For and on behalf of USP

Signature & Stamp of the authorized signatory of the USP



ANNEXURE-A OF ADDENDUM-1

PROFORMA FOR SELF CERTIFICATION BY UNIVERSAL SERVICE PROVIDER

1. I,, aged about years s/o, d/o Shri....., resident of, do solemnly affirm and state as under:
2. That I amof (Name of the Company), and I am duly authorized by BSNL to furnish a Certificate on behalf ofBSNL.....(Name of the Company)
3. That as per the Agreement signed with Administrator, USOF vide Agreement No. 30-170-1/2020/Cox Bazar/USOF dated 18.08.2021 and Addendum-I issued vide letter No. 30-170-1/2021/Cox Bazar/USOF dated 23.02.2022 for hiring of additional 10 Gbps International Bandwidth for Internet connectivity to Agartala from BSCCL, Bangladesh via Cox Bazar/Kuakata, the following works have been completed successfully, as per the terms and conditions of the Agreement:
 - A. POP Location Details
 - B. Date of hiring of additional 10 Gbps International Bandwidth
 - C. Date of Completion and Acceptance Testing (A/T) --- Testing report should be enclosed.
 - D. Technical Parameters:
 - (i) Average Traffic passed through International Bandwidth
 - E. Study of incremental revenue after hiring International Bandwidth (To be submitted for payment of 2nd year onward)
4. That the details of the components mentioned above are true and correct, based on the records of the company, which are available for further verification by the appropriate authorities and that the components have been provided and are functional/ services are being rendered for the period in which they have been shown as installed/commissioned.
5. That the components at the infrastructure site shown as installed/ commissioned in the said reporting period have been completed on the dates as shown above.



6. The contents of the Self Certification are true and correct, no part of it is false and nothing has been concealed there from.

For and on behalf of (Name of the company)

Signature of the authorized signatory of the USP

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'G. J. P.', is located on the left side of the page.