

#### **ABSTRACT**

Information Technology Department – Tamil Nadu FibreNet Corporation Limited – Revised Administrative Approval for the implementation of BharatNet Phase-II Project in the State of Tamil Nadu at an estimated cost of Rs.1871.32 Crore under State-led Model with O&M for a period of 3 years by Tamil Nadu FibreNet Corporation (TANFINET) - Orders - Issued.

### INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (E2) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms). No. 28

Dated: 29.10.2020 சார்வரி, ஐப்பசி–13, திருவள்ளுவர் ஆண்டு–2051.

#### Read:

- 1. G.O (D) No.2, Information Technology (B4) Department, dated 01.02.2016.
- 2. G.O (2D) No.9, Information Technology (B4) Department, dated 26.06.2018.
- 3. From the Chief General Manager, Bharat Broadband Network Limited, Government of India, Ref No. BBNL/CGM(Plg.)/State Model/Tamil Nadu/BharatNet-Ph-II/2017-18/141, dated 26.09.2019.
- 4. From the Managing Director, Tamil Nadu FibreNet Corporation Limited (TANFINET) Letter No.45/ TANFINET/ 2019, dated 04.08.2020.

#### ORDER:

BharatNet is an ambitious programme conceived by the Government of India to provide broadband connectivity to all Village Panchayats in the country. All the Village Panchayats in Tamil Nadu are to be covered under the BharatNet Phase- II Project.

- 2. In the Government Order 1<sup>st</sup> read above, orders were issued for the formation of a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) namely Tamil Nadu FibreNet Corporation Limited (TANFINET) under the Companies Act, 2013 (Central Act 18 of 2013) and a sum of Rs.50.00 lakhs (Rupees fifty lakh only) was sanctioned as Share Capital to the SPV, namely TANFINET.
- 3. In the Government Order 2<sup>nd</sup> read above, orders have been issued for the following:
  - i. Implementing BharatNet Project under Ring-Linear Architecture instead of Linear Architecture as approved in the original Detailed Project Report (DPR).
  - ii. Seeking additional funds required for BharatNet architectural change which is estimated to be Rs.478.78 Crore from Government of India and sanction of the balance fund, if any, by the State Government.

- iii. Granting Administrative Sanction for implementation of the BharatNet project by Tamil Nadu FibreNet Corporation (TANFINET) at a total cost of Rs.1709.68 Crore (Rs.1230.90 Crore as approved by Government of India for the linear architecture as per the original DPR + Rs.478.78 Crore towards enhanced Architecture) and
- iv. Permitting Tamil Nadu FibreNet Corporation (TANFINET) to take all necessary steps to implement the project including floating of the Request for Proposal (RFP) in accordance with the enhanced architecture as approved by the State Government.
- 4. In the reference 3<sup>rd</sup> read above, the Government of India has approved the Detailed Project Report (DPR) on "Revised Linear Architecture" (RLA) at an estimated cost of Rs.1815.31 Crore on 19.09.2019 for the implementation of BharatNet Phase-II Project in the State of Tamil Nadu.
- 5. In the letter 4<sup>th</sup> read above, the Managing Director, TANFINET has requested Revised Administrative Sanction for the implementation of BharatNet Phase-II Project in Tamil Nadu under Revised Linear Architecture Model for a period of 8 years at an estimated cost of Rs.2222.20 Crore by amending the G.O.(2D) No.9, Information Technology (B4) Department dated 26.06.2018, which includes the following:
  - a. The project may be executed in Revised Linear Architecture.
  - b. MPLS Technology shall be adopted.
  - c. Contract period with 1 Year for Project Implementation and 7 Years Operation and Maintenance (O&M).
  - d. Setting up of Pseudo PoPs in the Urban Areas.
  - e. Increasing Capacity of specific villages based on Population and Monetization Potential.
- 6. The Government after careful examination, hereby accord Revised Administrative Approval for the implementation of BharatNet Phase-II Project in the State of Tamil Nadu at an estimated cost of Rs.1871.32 Crore (Rupees one thousand eight hundred seventy one crore and thirty two lakh only) under State-led Model with O&M for a period of 3 years by superseding the orders issued in G.O.(2D) No.9, Information Technology (B4) Department, dated 26.06.2018 as follows:

Basic CAPEX	Rs.1461.97 Crore
Total Admin CAPEX	Rs.146.20 Crore
OPEX for 3 years	Rs. 263.15 Crore [Rs.207.15 Crore (as approved by GOI) + Rs.56 Crore (estimated Revenue of TANFINET)]
TOTAL Cost	Rs. 1871.32 Crore

- 7. The project will be funded by Government of India at the approved cost of Rs.1815.31 Crore and the remaining amount will be met out by the Revenue generated by TANFINET Corporation out of utilization / monetization of BharatNet Infrastructure in the State.
- 8. The Managing Director, TANFINET is directed to send the physical and financial progress of the project to the Government of India and State Government periodically.
- 9. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance (Industries) Department vide its U.O. No.239/JS/MA/2020, dated 27.10.2020...

## (By Order of the Governor)

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