

Press release

Tamil Nadu FibreNet Corporation Limited (TANFINET), today (20.10.2021), signed the Master Service Agreement for the implementation of BharatNet Project in Tamil Nadu with System Integrators i.e., M/s L&T (Package C), M/s ITI Ltd (Package D) and Third-Party Agency M/s BECIL, in the esteemed presence of Thiru. T. Mano Thangaraj, Hon'ble Minister for Information Technology.

In the programme, Hon'ble Minister stated that BharatNet Project will cover 12,525 Gram Panchayats in Tamil Nadu through optical fibre cable with high-speed bandwidth connectivity. Tamil Nadu FibreNet Corporation Limited (TANFINET), a special purpose vehicle, is implementing BharatNet project in Tamil Nadu at a sanctioned cost of Rs.1815.32 Crore. This project aims to provide 1 Gbps bandwidth connectivity to all Gram Panchayats.

In order to implement the project, four packages viz., A, B, C & D were formed district wise and four System Integrators were identified, one for each package, along with a Third-Party Agency (TPA) to inspect and audit the implementation.

Presently, contract is being signed for package C and D under which 3326 Gram Panchayats in Nagapattinam, Thanjavur, Thiruvarur, Pudukottai, Namakkal, Karur, Coimbatore, Tiruppur, Tiruchirappalli districts (Package C) and 3103 Gram Panchayats in Kanyakumari, Madurai, Ramanathapuram, Theni, Tuticorin, Tirunelveli, Virudhunagar, Tenkasi, Dindigul, Sivagangai districts (Package D) will be provided with minimum 1 Gbps bandwidth service. After the disposal of the pending litigations in Package A and Package B, the project will be implemented in all the 12525 Gram Panchayats in Tamil Nadu.

BharatNet scheme enables to provide affordable but quality "digital" services, e-education, telemedicine and triple-play services to all Gram Panchayats of Tamil Nadu. In addition, this project aims to provide high speed internet services to Government offices, schools, colleges and business enterprises. Hon'ble Minister for Information Technology has said that by providing such services, the project augments the delivery of Government services and generates employment in rural areas.

Thiru. Neeraj Mittal, I.A.S., Principal Secretary, Department of Information Technology, Thiru. A.K. Kamal Kishore I.A.S., Managing Director of Tamil Nadu Fibernet Corporation, Tmt. G. Kalaivani, Chief General Manager, BBNL, Thiru. M. Chandrasekhar, Principal General Manager, BBNL, representatives of the companies involved in implementing the project and Government officials were also present during the programme.

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