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Government of India
Ministry of Communications & Information Technology
Department of Telecommunications
Sanchar Bhawan, 20 Ashoka Road, New Delhi

New Delhi , dated the 26th April 2011

Subject: Setting up of an Advisory Body to advise on implementation issues related to the creation and implementation of the National Optical Fiber Network (NOFN).

Government proposes to create a National Optical Fiber Network (NOFN) for providing broadband connectivity to the rural areas initially upto the panchayats by extension of the existing Optical Fiber Network.

2. It has been decided to set up an Advisory Body under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble MOC&IT with the composition as under to advise on implementation issues and upstream i.e. with core and downstream i.e with access layer integration as well as on issues relating to non-discriminatory access of the National Optical Fiber Network (NOFN).

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| I. | Shri Sam Pitroda, Adviser to PM on Public Information Infrastructure and Innovations | |
| II. | Shri Nandan Nilekani, Chairman UIDAI | -Member |
| III. | Dr R. Chidambaram, Principal Scientific Adviser to PM | -Member |
| IV. | Member Secretary, Planning Commission | -Member |
| V. | Secretary, Department of Information Technology | -Member |
| VI. | Secretary, Department of Telecommunications | -Member |
| VII. | Secretary, Health | -Member |
| VIII. | Secretary, Rural Development | -Member |
| IX. | Secretary, Panchayati Raj | -Member |
| X. | Secretary, Department Of Higher Education | -Member |
| XI. | Secretary, School Education and Literacy | -Member |
| XII. | DG NIC | -Member |
| XIII. | Administrator (USOF) | -Convener |

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| XIV. | Director General, COAI | -Member |
| XV. | Secretary General, AUSPI | -Member |
| XVI. | Secretary General, ISPAI | -Member |
| XVII. | President, ACTO | -Member |
| XVIII. | President, NASSCOM | -Member |
| XIX. | CMD BSNL | -Member |
| XX. | CMD PGCIL | -Member |
| XXI. | CMD Gailtel | -Member |
| XXII. | CMD Railtel | -Member |
| XXIII. | CEO M/S Bharti Airtel Limited | -Member |
| XXIV. | CEO M/S Reliance Communications Infrastructure Limited | -Member |
| XXV. | CEO M/S Hathway Cable & Datacom Pvt Ltd. | -Member |
| XXVI. | CEO M/S You Telecom India | -Member |
| XXVII. | CEO M/S Tikona Digital Networks Pvt. Ltd. | -Member |
| XXVIII. | CEO M/S VSNL Internet Services Limited | -Member |

3. The function of Advisory Body is to provide strategic direction and advise on

- i) Implementation issues
- ii) Upstream and downstream integration
- iii) Issues relating to non-discriminatory access
- iv) Providing strategic vision to the entire Broadband Eco-system including content, localization, services, applications, customer-end devices / CPE etc. for accelerating broadband penetration.
- v) Any other matter considered vital for acceleration of broadband penetration.

4. The Advisory Body will be serviced by the Office of Administrator, Universal Service Obligation Fund.

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