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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 26<sup>th</sup> April 2011**

Subject: Setting up of High Level Committee (HLC) to oversee, monitor and coordinate all the activities related to the creation and implementation of the National Optical Fiber Network (NOFN).

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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 a High Level Committee under the Co-Chairmanship of Shri Sam Pitroda, Adviser to PM on Public Information Infrastructure and Innovations and Shri Nandan Nilekani, Chairman UIDAI with the composition as under to steer and coordinate all activities related to the creation, implementation and management of the National Optical Fiber Network (NOFN):-

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| i)   | Secretary, Department of Information Technology/<br>or Nominee(s)        | - | Member   |
| ii)  | Secretary, Department of Telecommunications/<br>or Nominee(s)            | - | Member   |
| iii) | Chairman & Managing Director, BSNL                                       | - | Member   |
| iv)  | Executive Director, C-DOT  | - | Member   |
| v)   | Administrator (USOF)   | - | Convener |
| vi)  | Member(Finance), Telecom Commission,<br>Department of Telecommunications | - | Member   |

3. The Committee can co-opt any other persons as members as and when required.

4. The functions of this High Level Committee are as indicated in the Annexure.
5. The High Level Committee will be serviced by the Office of Administrator, Universal Service Obligation Fund.

**(Malay Shrivastava)**  
**Joint Secretary (T)**

To,

1. Adviser to PM (Public Information, Infrastructure and Innovations) - Chairman
2. Chairman, UIDAI - Co-Chairman
3. Secretary, Department of Information Technology
4. Secretary, Department of Telecommunications
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1. Prime Minister's Officer ( Sh. Amit Agrawal, Director)
2. Cabinet Secretariat ( Sh V. P. Arora, Under Secretary)