Dear Sh. Deepak,

The Authority issued the Consultation Paper on “Implementation Model for BharatNet” on 17th November, 2015 to find alternate model for implementation of BharatNet. The comments and counter-comments received from the stakeholders were placed on the TRAI’s website. Meetings were held with Infrastructure Providers, Construction Companies, Financial Institutions, Multi-Service Operators (MSOs) and Broadcasters on 02nd December, 2015. A separate meeting with Telecom Service Providers (TSPs), Internet Service Providers (ISPs), Industry Associations, Multiple System Operators (MSOs) and Broadcasters was also held on 11th December, 2015. An Open House Discussion (OHD) with stakeholders was organized on 18th December, 2015.

2. After analyzing the various issues involved and considering the comments received from stakeholders in their written responses and during the OHD, the Authority has finalized its Recommendations on “Implementation Strategy for BharatNet”. The Authority’s Recommendations are enclosed herewith.

3. In keeping with practice, a copy of this letter, along with the Recommendations, is being placed on the website of TRAI (www.trai.gov.in).

This letter issues with the approval of the Authority.

with Regard,

Yours sincerely,

Encl: as above

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