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ITI Limited initiates State Network Operations Center (S-NOC) for BharatNet Phase-III Project in Himachal Pradesh

Bengaluru: ITI Limited, country's first PSU post-independence and premier telecom manufacturing company commenced the work for **State Network Operations Center (S-NOC)** of the monumental **BharatNet Phase-III Project** at Solan in Himachal Pradesh in coordination with BSNL. S-NOC is a centralized location where ITI Limited will monitor and manage the performance, security, and availability of project's network infrastructure, ensuring efficient delivery of services. In November 2024, ITI Limited had emerged as L1 for BharatNet Phase-III Project in the states of Himachal Pradesh for Package No. 8, and in West Bengal, and Andaman & Nicobar Islands for Package No. 9 with total order value of Rs. 5050 Cr. This Project is envisaged for the Development of **Middle Mile Network** of BharatNet Project on a *Design Build Operate and Maintain (DBOM)* Model and is funded by Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF), Government of India.

At a function held recently at the BSNL Office in Solan, **Mr. Rajesh Rai, Chairman and Managing Director of ITI Limited** along with Mr. Anil Kumar Gupta, CGM of BSNL initiated the S-NOC and kick started BharatNet Phase-III Project in Himachal Pradesh. On this occasion, Mr. Rajeev Srivastava, Director-Finance, ITI Limited, Mrs. Namita, GM, ITI Limited, Mr. Jaspal Singh, Senior GM, BSNL along with other officials from BSNL and ITI were also present.

The Government of India launched BharatNet Phase-III Project to connect all gram panchayats across the country to the **IP-MPLS Ring Network**. This modern S-NOC will monitor the connectivity of all gram panchayats (GPs) in Himachal Pradesh and will assist in providing connectivity to consumers at the last mile.

The project will be implemented by ITI Limited in Himachal Pradesh and under this scheme, 3,615 gram panchayats will be connected to 91 block headquarters via 10 Gbps bandwidth, which will be connected to the **BSNL IP-MPLS Ring Network**. This connectivity will be extended to 15,538 villages across the state. **Approximately 20,000 kilometers of optical fiber cable (OFC)** will be laid in across Himachal Pradesh for this project.

Speaking on this occasion, **Mr. Rajesh Rai, Chairman and Managing Director, ITI Limited** said – *“We are very glad to initiate this S-NOC in partnership with BSNL. This project is a significant step towards digital connectivity and rural empowerment in Himachal Pradesh which will assist in providing high-speed broadband services in rural areas. Himachal Pradesh is a geographically challenging terrain but we are confident that we will successfully implement this project well within scheduled completion period. Once this project is completed, it will give a new dimension to the digital revolution in Himachal Pradesh and make high-speed internet service available easily in every village, promoting education, health, business, and e-governance.”*

About ITI Limited

ITI Limited, country's premier telecom company and multi-unit central public sector undertaking, is a total solutions provider in telecommunications segment. The company has state-of-art manufacturing facilities in six locations (Bengaluru, Naini, Raebareli, Mankapur, Srinagar and Palakkad) along with an in-house R&D centre in Bengaluru and marketing, sales & projects (MSP) offices spread across the country.

The company offers complete range of telecom products covering the whole spectrum of switching, transmission, and access & subscriber premises equipment. Besides offering the latest telecom solutions and customized support to a variety of business, ITI Ltd has dedicated Network System Unit (NSU) for carrying out installation and commissioning of equipment and for undertaking turnkey projects. ITI Ltd is focused on manufacturing of diversified products in defense and railway sectors and the manufacturing of solar equipment, NGN products, GPON, LED lighting systems, optical products, along with other allied products like HDPE, OFC, , smart cards, encryptors for defense , Wi-Fi etc. The company is also consolidating more of its diversifications into defense, IOT, E-governance, IT projects and services sector to gain competitive edge. The company is also successfully running state-of-art Data Centre at Bengaluru unit and offering its services to government institutions/departments, banks etc. To know more, please visit www.itild.in ***