

F. No. 59-02/2024-SU-IV
Government of India
Ministry of Communications
Department of Telecommunications

Sanchar Bhawan, New Delhi,
Dated the 24th April, 2024.

Office Memorandum

Subject: On-boarding BSNL for developing Standard Operating Procedure and training of young officers for establishing robust communications system in Mega Engineering Projects -regarding.

The undersigned is directed to refer the above mentioned subject and references received from PMO & MoRTH in connection with the recent mishap during construction of tunnel near Silkyara in Uttarakhand State on NH-134 in November, 2023. It has been stated that there is a strong need to explore measures to enhance communications systems, particularly in situations where traditional means of communications are not feasible.

2. The matter was taken up with Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), which has informed that Ministries/Departments undertaking Mega Engineering projects involving environmental and geological risks, may approach BSNL for training of the young officers/workforce involved in such projects for handling disaster communication needs. BSNL will also develop SOP for such projects. It has suggested that laying of leaky cables and In-Building solutions will help in establishing communications in such projects.

3. It is, therefore, requested that Ministries/Departments undertaking such Mega Engineering projects involving environmental and geological risks, should onboard BSNL for developing a communication system capable of operating effectively in challenging situations and customized disaster communication training modules for the workforce involved in such projects. **Shri Manoj Chawla, Deputy General Manager (Training), Mobile No. 9416006400 & email ID: manoj.chawla@bsnl.co.in** may be approached for assistance, if any.

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PMO in reference to ID No. 670/77/C/9/2023-IR dated 17.01.2024.