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Government of India
Ministry of Communications
Department of Telecommunications
(UBB Section)

New Delhi, Dated: 30.03.2021

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Transformation of the Gram Panchayats identified under Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) as 'Adarsh Grams'-reg

The undersigned is directed to refer to Department of Rural Development's D.O. letter No. J-11020/01/2019-SAGY dated 18.02.2021 on the subject mentioned above and to say that only the scheme of BharatNet Project and Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Sanchar Kaushal Vikas Pratishthan Scheme pertains to Department of Telecommunications (DoT). The comment of DoT in respect of these Schemes are as follows:

- i) BharatNet Project is being implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity to all the Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the country under USOF scheme, including the GPs identified in the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY). The scope of the project is now being expended to connect all the 6 lakh (approx.) inhabited villages of the country. The BharatNet project was envisaged to be completed by August 2021. However, this time will now be extended as the pace of completion is affected by lockdown and restrictions on movement imposed by the various Governments due to COVID-19. In this regard, USOF and Bharat Broadband Network Limited (BBNL), the Executing Agency for BharatNet project, have been requested that the SAGY GPs may be taken up on priority for implementation of BharatNet Project in an effort to achieve time-bound saturation of development goals related to these Gram Panchayats (GPs). Shri Arun Agarwal, DDG-I, USOF (email id: arun.agarwal@nic.in) will be the nodal officer of DoT for the coordination.
- ii) Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Sanchar Kaushal Vikas Pratishthan Scheme was a pilot scheme of DoT to skill train 10,000 candidates and has already been completed in FY 2019-20. Presently, this scheme is not operational in DoT.

This is issued with the approval of Secretary(T).

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