

F. No. 1-16/2009-USOF (BB-LL) (Pt. I) 6009-6030

Department of Telecommunications
Universal Service Obligation Fund
(Finance Wing)

Sanchar Bhawan, New Delhi-110 001

Dated: 11.03.2011

To

All Pr. CCAs / CCAs

Sub: Rural wireline broadband scheme – Minimum speed of 512 kbps to be always on.

A number of references are being received in this office for clarification regarding the minimum speed of the broadband connection to be eligible for subsidy support from USOF.

Instructions / clarification on this issue have already been issued from time to time. This office letters of even number dated 15.07.09, 07.08.09, 11.09.09, 13.10.09, 23.02.10, 12.04.10 and 27.09.10 may kindly be referred to in this regard.

However, to reiterate it is intimated that all wireline broadband connections provided under USOF Plans or Non-USOF plans with a minimum speed of 512 kbps are eligible for subsidy. The details of various BB tariff plans being offered by BSNL meeting the requirement of minimum download speed of 512 kbps, submitted by them under clause 14.7 of the Agreement have already been circulated to all the pr. CCAs/CCAs vide this office letter dated 27.09.2010.

BB Home Rural USOF Combo UL 500 and BB CSC UL 999 plans where the speed may decrease beyond 4 GB in UL 500 plan and 6 GB download in CSC UL 999 plan are also admissible for subsidy at par with other non-USOF Tariff plans ~~from the date of issue~~ subject to certain conditions. Copies of letter No. 30-160-8/Wireline-BB/2006-USF dated 26.05.2010 issued by Technical wing of USOF and letters No. 64-27/2009-Broadband/ dated 30.06.2010 (along with enclosure) from BSNL Corporate Office are enclosed for ready reference.

This issues with the approval of competent authority.
Encl: As Above

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E. No. 30-160-8/Wireline_BB/2006-USF

Dated: 26.05.2010

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Sub. Broadband connectivity to Rural/Remote Exchanges under USOF Agreement-regarding-
New tariff plans to be introduced by BSNL: Agreement No. 30-160-8 /WIRELINE-BB/2006-
USF (signed with BSNL on 20.01.2009) for Provision of Wire-line Broadband Connectivity
in Rural and Remote Areas

This has reference to your office letter No. 64-17/09-BSP-BB (pt-I) dated 05.05.2010 on
the above cited subject.

2. The two new tariff plans, mentioned in your letter, viz. BB Home Rural USOF Combo
UL 500, and BB CSC UL 999 plan (copy enclosed), are admissible for subsidy at par with
other non-USOF Tariff plans under Clause 14.7 of the Agreement, subject to the terms &
conditions of the extant Agreement and any subsequent Amendments/ Clarifications issued in
this regard, including Clarifications issued by USOF Finance Wing on the subject & in
particular, those dated 23.06.09 and 13.10.09.

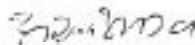
3. The above admissibility is subject to the following conditions:-

- i. It should meet the Industry's Standards & practices for wireline broadband.
- ii. It should comply with Clause 14.6 of the Agreement, which mentions the following
about tariff plans:

"The Universal Service Provider shall not charge tariffs higher than the tariff as per TRAI
Orders / Regulations / Directions issued with regard to such service in rural areas from time to
time from the customers / users for the service, or the tariff charged by the USP for this
type/similar type of service in urban areas, whichever is lower. USP shall submit a self
certification to this effect on quarterly basis."

In view of the above, BSNL is required to ensure compliance with the above conditions while
launching the above cited new tariff plans, viz. BB Home Rural USOF combo UL 500 and
BB CSC UL 999.

This is issued with the approval of the Administrator, USF.


(Arun Agarwal)
Director (BB) USOF

Encl. A copy of the 2- new Tariff Plans received from BSNL

Copy to: JA(F), USOF