BBNL ASSOCIATES FORUM

Objective

The objective of the BBNL Associates Forum is to bring on one platform all who are interested in utilizing the BharatNet network (Dark Fiber & Bandwidth) for providing broadband services in Rural India. The interested Parties can register themselves on the Portal as BBNL Associates. The platform enables registration of the Licensed Service Providers (TSP, ISP, IP-VNOs) & as well the Entrepreneurs. The platform would facilitate the Entrepreneurs to connect with the License Service Providers in the area of operation.

How the Portal works

The BBNL Associates Forum (Registration Portal) is available on the following link; http://www.bbnl.nic.in/index1.aspx?lsid=814&lev=2&lid=650&langid=1. When the icon "Click Here" is clicked, it will navigate to the main page of the BBNL Associates Forum portal page. The page is displayed with two icons-"**Register here**" and "**Know Your GP**".

The "**Know Your GP**" is to give you live information about the BharatNet network in the Block you intend to provide the services. When you click on "Know Your GP" it will navigate you to the page which displays "**India Map**". You can click on the Indian State where you want to intend to provide the services, which will take you to the drop-down menu of **Districts and Blocks**. You can select the District followed by Block to know the position of BharatNet network in the Block. "Service not available" indicates BharatNet network not yet available while UP and DOWN indicates if the particular Gram Panchayat is operational or non-operational.

The "**Registration Here**" icon when clicked takes you to the Registration page. In order to register yourself as a BBNL Associate, the user need to feed basic information such as the Name of the company, the name of the authorized signatory, Aadhar Number, TAN, PAN, GST Number and Address of the service provider. The User is also asked to provide information on States, Districts, Blocks where they intend to associate with BBNL to provides the broadband services using BharatNet. Not all the fields are mandatory. Based on the information provided by the user, a Certificate is generated by the portal with a Unique Registration number and sent on the email of the User. The registration certificate, generated ONLINE will have all the information about the User. Once registered, you can quote the **Unique Registration Number** for any future correspondence.

The Certificate is also shared with the concerned State Heads/ PMUs and S&M unit of BBNL. The registered Service Providers can talk to BBNL functionaries in the field and get the desired service.

The BBNL Associates portal has been provided with contact details of all State Heads/ PMUs, the Model Revenue Share Agreement, List of vendors who supply Telecom/IT equipment and also a Help Desk number.

It is a first step towards automation of service delivery by BBNL.