

Clarification on Network Connectivity work for R-APDRP projects

“Providing network connectivity should not be in the scope of ITIA (i.e. SI). It is to be tied up by state electricity distribution utility directly with a network service provider/operator. Since the bandwidth charges are revenue expenditure, the same shall be borne by Utility beyond three years from date of sanction of projects, however for first three years period, under R-APDRP scheme, PFC shall consider funding the charges only for the remaining period of the scheme after successful completion of the project.

As per DoT, GOI LICENCE AGREEMENT FOR PROVISION OF UNIFIED ACCESS SERVICES, an ITIA/SI cannot have resale arrangement of network connectivity services with a utility. However the details of bandwidth required for successful operation of IT system is to be furnished by the SI to utility.”