

**PRESS NOTE REGARDING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN HIMACHAL PRADESH GOVERNMENT AND BHARAT SANCHAR
NIGAM LIMITED FOR HIMACHAL STATE WIDE AREA NETWORK
(HIMSWAN)**



Mrs. Anuradha Thakur, Director, IT, H.P. and Mr. Anil Jain, G.M. (BD & NC) BSNL, H.P. after signing a MOU between H.P. Govt. and BSNL for obtaining bandwidth to inter-connect all offices down to the level of tehsils/ sub-tehsils and blocks in the presence of Shri Sanjeev Gupta, Secretary IT to the Government of Himachal Pradesh at Shimla on 19.9.06

The Himachal Pradesh Government signed a Memorandum of Understanding today with Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited for obtaining bandwidth to inter-connect all offices down to the level of tehsils/ sub-tehsils and blocks. This MOU was signed by Mrs. Anuradha Thakur, Director IT, Himachal Pradesh and Mr. Anil Jain, General

Manager (BD & NC), BSNL, Himachal Pradesh in the presence of Mr. Sanjeev Gupta, Secretary IT to the Government of Himachal Pradesh. According to this MOU, BSNL shall give at least 74% discount for providing 2 mbps to link State headquarters with districts, sub divisions, tehsils/ sub-tehsils and blocks. It shall maintain 99% up time for MLLN (Managed Lease Lines Network) networks and 98% up time for conversion networks. In order to ensure this uptime and uninterrupted connectivity, BSNL shall also provide Radio frequency and ISDN back-up links on its own. It shall also undertake the work of connecting its telephone exchanges with Points of Presence (POPs). BSNL shall also offer multiple technologies like MLLN, leased line, ISDN, broad-band, dead copper pairs, XDSL etc. for linking POPs with Government offices. The MOU shall remain in force initially for a period of 3 years. Himachal State Wide Area Network is being set up under a Government of India assisted programme. The total value of sanctioned Project is Rs.95.41 crores. Under this Project, all field offices

shall be connected for smooth exchange of data and information between the State headquarters and field offices of various departments. Himachal State Wide Area Network will also enable provision any time anywhere citizen centric services like Land Records, Driving Licences, Vehicle Registration, Grievance Redressal, VAT MIS, Telemedicine, Treasury Connectivity, Employment Registration etc. Updation of data and record pertaining to any Government organisation shall take place instantaneously throughout the network. HIMSWAN also aims to provide connectivity more than 3000 Panchayats where Common Services Centres are to be set up during the next one year. M/s 3i-Infotech is a consultant in HIMSWAN Project.