

**Constitution of State Level and  
District Level Committees for  
Utilization of BharatNet Project in  
the State of Gujarat**

**Government of Gujarat  
Department of Science and Technology  
G.R. No: BHT/10/2017/739657/IT  
Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar  
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**RESOLUTION**

**Read:**

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1. Letter No-30-166-14/2016-BB-USOF dated 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2018 from Secretary, Ministry of Communications, Department of Telecommunications, Government of India.

**PREAMBLE:**

Government of India has established the BharatNet Optical Fibre connecting the blocks to the Gram Panchayats in order to provide high speed broadband connectivity to citizens. This project is being fully funded and implemented by the Government of India by utilizing Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF).

2. The Secretary, Government of India, Department of Telecommunications (DoT) vide letter dated 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2018 referred to above has requested for the utilization of BharatNet in the State. To utilize assets created by DoT under BharatNet Project, Gol has approved a proposal to provide 5 (Five) free WiFi Access Points (AP) in each Gram Panchayat. Of which, one will be at Gram Panchayat itself, 3 (three) will be in 3 State Government Offices (i.e. School, Sub Centre, PHC, Police Station etc.) and one will be selected by the implementation agency (of DoT) on commercial attractiveness basis.
3. The entire task of funding and setting up the infrastructure is being done by Central Government / Bharat Broadband Network Limited (BBNL). The responsibility of the State Government is only to provide requisite infrastructure and space at the Gram Panchayat, depute a full time custodian who could be trained person or an outsourced resource, ensuring power to connectivity and utilize the broadband connectivity to provide services at the Gram Panchayat.