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ITI Limited Bags Rs. 1,612crore BharatNet Phase 2 Tender of Rest of Gujarat project

Bengaluru, June 04, 2018: ITI Limited, a multi-unit central public sector undertaking in the telecommunications manufacturing segment has bagged one of the two packages of BharatNet Phase II Tender of Gujarat issued by 'Gujarat Fiber Grid Network Limited (GFGNL)'. As part of BharatNet Phase II project, GFGNL aims to connect nearly 7500 Gram Panchayats to Blocks through underground optical fiber and extend Broadband connectivity to all the Gram Panchayats using Gigabit Passive Optical Network (GPON) and other suitable electronic equipment.

ITI has won Package A of the tender with a bid value of Rs. 1612 Cr. The work includes supply of optical fiber, HDPE duct, trenching and laying of fiber, extending broadband from state headquarters through optical transport network equipment up to block level and extending from block to Gram Panchayats using Optical Line Terminals (OLT) and Optical Network Terminals (ONT). The Package A also includes setting up of Network Management System (NMS) at Ahmedabad to manage both Package A and Package B network elements, including fiber management, GIS, ERP etc. and connecting the NMS to the BBNL's central NMS at Bangalore.

ITI will be responsible for implementing entire Package A project on (Engineering, Procurement, and Construction) on EPC basis including but not limited to survey, design & plan, supply, installation, testing, commissioning of OFC (underground & aerial) & its accessories (patch panel, electronic route marker, splitter, splicer, joint connectors, mounting structure for aerial, pole, PLB HDPE duct, UPS, GPON equipment, NOC equipment, Remote Fibre Management System and other hardware/software.

Highlighting the importance of significant achievement, Shri K Alagesan, Chairman and Managing Director of ITI Limited said, "Under BharatNet Phase 2, the GFGNL Package A will be a value addition to ITI's order book. We are very excited to implement BharatNet Phase 2 for Rest of Gujarat (Package A) order by deploying GPON for Gujarat Fibre Grid Network Limited."

The gram panchayats to be connected under BharatNet Phase 2 have been divided into two packages - Package A for Rest of Gujarat and Package B for Saurashtra. Package A covers 12 districts, 70 blocks and 3,824 gram panchayats whereas Package B covers 10 districts, 65 blocks and 3,698 gram panchayats.

Emphasizing on ITI's contribution to the nation, Shri R. M. Agarwal, Director-Marketing, ITI Limited said, "After the successful contribution for BharatNet Phase 1, ITI Limited looks forward to implement phase 2 project of Govt of India. Being lowest bidder for GFGNL Package A, ITI shall try to achieve timely implementation of the phase 2 project to provide digital connectivity to 3,824 gram panchayats under this package."

BharatNet is a government project aimed at providing high speed broadband connectivity to all the 250,000 gram panchayats in the country in an effort to provide last mile connectivity.

ITI Limited has recently announced a profit of Rs.102 Crores for the year 2017-18. The company which was in financial distress for last 16 years has turned profitable and has declared profit for the financial year 2017-18. The company has also signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications & IT, and Government of India to pursue opportunities of indigenous telecom equipments.] The Company is also participating in some of Government of India funded projects such as [Network for Spectrum (NFS) and Encryption projects of Ministry of Defence.

About ITI Limited:

ITI Limited, is a multi-unit central public sector undertaking in the telecommunications manufacturing segment. The company has manufacturing facilities in six locations (Bengaluru, Naini, Rae Bareli, Mankapur, J&K and Palakkad) along with an in-house R&D centre in Bengaluru and marketing-cum-service outlets spread across the country. The Company offers a range of telecom products covering a wide spectrum of switching, Transmission, Access and subscriber premises equipment. Besides offering the telecom solutions and customized support to a variety of business, ITI has dedicated Network System Unit for carrying out installation and commissioning of equipment and for undertaking turnkey Projects. ITI is focused on manufacturing of diversified products in defence and Railway Sectors and the manufacturing of solar equipment, NGN products, GPON, LED Lighting Systems, Optical products, PMP Microwave along with other allied products like HDPE, OFC, LI-ION batteries, Smart cards, defence equipment, Wi-Fi etc. The company is also consolidating more of its diversifications into defence, IOT, E-Governance, IT projects and Services sector to gain competitive edge. The company is also running a Data Centre at Bengaluru and offering its services to government institutions/departments, banks etc.