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To
Shri A.Raja,
Hon'ble Minister of Communications & IT,
New Delhi – 110 001

Sub: Efforts to secure contract for providing National Data Network Backbone to UIDAI (Unique Identification Authority of India) - reg

Respected Sir,

It is learnt from recent media reports that the UIDAI (Unique Identification Authority of India) will be using Rail-Tel OFC for its national data network backbone. It is also learnt that this will be a multi-million deal and will remain in force for around 20 years.

According to our information, RailTel has the following shortcomings when compared to BSNL.

1. RailTel may be having nation-wide OFC, but it is not having Access networks to reach customer premises.
2. RailTel is not having Point of Presence in all the cities and towns.
3. RailTel network is not having ready-to-use direct data interface(s) viz. the switched Ethernet Ports.
4. If UIDAI uses RailTel's OFC, it has to depend on third party solutions for data aggregation and routing services.

But BSNL is in a better and advanced position than the RailTel and could provide a stable and efficient network for UIDAI. Awarding such a major project to BSNL will also help BSNL to come out of the difficult financial position.


We therefore request to use your good offices to impress upon the Chairman, UIDAI to award this prestigious project to BSNL which alone will be able to provide the network as well as seamless data flow.

DoT has recently posted a few DGMs to work as ADG (Director Level) in UIDAI, whose services can be utilized to explain the advantages of BSNL network and win over the project.

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With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



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