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Connectivity under National  
Knowledge Network (NKN).

### Circular

Sub : VPNo BB connections to Maharashtra Colleges under National Mission of  
Education Information Communication Technology

Ref : This office circular No. BCUD/NKN/2009-2010, dtd. 22-02-2010

With reference to the letters received from Mr. N.K. Sinha, Joint Secretary (DL), Human Resource Development Department of Higher Education, dtd. 21-08-2009 and Dr. Abhay Wagh, Dy. Secretary, Govt. of Maharashtra, Higher & Technical Education, Mantralaya, Mumbai, dtd. 10-05-2010, this is to inform you that, BSNL will be providing 10 connections of 512 Kbps VPN over Broadband for unlimited use, with internet connectivity, to each of the colleges/Institution recognized under section 12 - B of the University Grants Commission Act. These Colleges will have to bear 25% of the cost of this connectivity by paying their contribution directly to BSNL. For the further details please visit [www.sakshat.ac.in](http://www.sakshat.ac.in).

BCUD/NKN/2010-2011/

Date: 12 August 2010



**Director**

**Board of College and University Development**

To  
The Principal,  
Affiliated to This University, (12-B)

Dr. Abhay Wagh  
Dy. Secretary

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**Sub: VPNo BB connections to Maharashtra colleges under  
National Mission of Education Information  
Communication Technology.**

- Ref : 1) D.O.No.F. 16-3/2009-DL- 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2009 from Jt.  
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2) D.O.No.F. 16-3/2009-DL- 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2009 from Jt.  
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3) D.O.No.F. 16-3/2009-DL- 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2009 from Jt.  
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With reference to above letters, the progress of Broad Band connections in the institutes of higher learning under NMETCT is very low in Maharashtra. Only 712 colleges are covered out of selected 2600 colleges by GoI. You are requested take to immediate necessary action to complete the provision of VPNoBB connections to colleges affiliated to your university at the earliest and submit the progress to the Government every month.

Few major activities of NMEICT are listed below. Details of the scheme are available on MHRD, New Delhi's web site.

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- A) Building connectivity & knowledge network among and within institutions of higher learning in country and spreading Digital literacy for teacher empowerment is the main objective in the first phase of the mission. Other objectives of the mission are to develop Efficient Learning Modules, availability of E - Knowledge contents free of cost and providing support for creation of Virtual Technological Universities..
- B) All UGC approved colleges would be provided VPNoBB connections @512 Kbps each.
- C) 2600 colleges from Maharashtra are selected under this project. The

list of selected colleges is available on the website of MHRD.

D) Security Deposit, Installation charges and Modem cost are waived of under the scheme. BSNL is giving 10% subsidy over the annual fee of Rs. 5000/- towards broadband uses. Remaining annual fee shall be paid by GoI & institute in the ratio of 75:25. Thus Institution shall be required to pay subsidised fee of Rs. 1125/- per annum for the uses of broad band connection. The billing period shall be from 1<sup>st</sup> December to 30<sup>th</sup> November of every year in advance.

In order to digitally connect India's Educational Institutes and make them e-learning enabled in shortest possible time, all universities are required to issue guidelines and necessary directives to the affiliated institutes to contact BSNL authorities and extend all possible support for the installation of broad band connection. You are also requested to submit the report about number of colleges covered under this scheme to the government every month.

You may also request to MHRD for the inclusion of more institutes than already selected from amongst affiliated institutes to your University.  
with regards.

  
(Dr. Abhay Wagh)

To,  
The vice chancellors,  
✓ All Universities in Maharashtra.

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