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Dear Sir / Madam,

Kindly recall my earlier letters of even number dated the 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2009 and the 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2009 respectively (copies uploaded on our website [www.sakshat.ac.in](http://www.sakshat.ac.in)) regarding the National Mission on Education through ICT (NMEICT), inviting participation of your Institution and experts in the mammoth exercise of e-content generation, teacher empowerment and adopting e-learning as an effective means of teaching-learning activities. While some project proposals from the Universities and Institutions have started trickling in, the need is to accelerate this process and convert this into a movement for utilising the ICT tools to enhance the quality of instruction and reach of the educational delivery system to the unreached. I once again urge you kindly to proactively participate in the Mission and put creativity of your organisation to the best service of the Nation by utilising the resources (Rs. 900 crore) made available in the current year's budget.

2. As you are aware, providing connectivity to the Colleges, Institutions and Universities is a key component of the NMEICT, so that the high quality e-content could be reached to the teachers and students of these educational organisations. The connectivity under NMEICT would seamlessly integrate with the National Knowledge Network (NKN). You would be glad to know that the work of providing connectivity to these organisations has already been initiated by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), which has become a partner in this Mission by investing its resources.

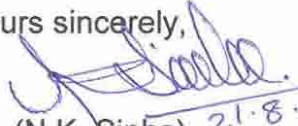
3. While 1 Gbps connectivity to NKN for 10 years and 400 node LAN for each of the Universities in the Country has been envisaged under NMEICT at 25% cost to the Universities, to begin with the Colleges and Institutes, BSNL officials will be providing 10 connections of 512 Kbps VPN over Broadband for unlimited use, with internet connectivity, to each of the Colleges / Institutions recognised under section 12-B of the University Grants Commission (UGC) Act. These Colleges will have to bear 25% of the cost of this connectivity by paying their contribution directly to BSNL. The total financial burden on each College / Institution on account of this level of connectivity would not exceed Rs. 15000/- in the current financial year. Rest 75% cost would be borne by NMEICT by making direct centralised payment to BSNL. As an Institution / College starts using more and more of bandwidth, the number of connections to those active users would gradually be enhanced to upto 20 connections per institution. With a view to encouraging BSNL to bring, at its cost, optical fibre to as many Colleges / Institutions as possible, it would be desirable if the Colleges / Institutions consider providing some



space for setting up a mobile tower in their campuses. For participating in this scheme, the Colleges / Institutions may expect / require your concurrence.

4. I shall be grateful, if you could kindly issue suitable instructions to the section 12-B recognised Colleges / Institutions of your University. I am also sending a copy of this letter to the Principal Secretary / Secretary of Higher Education of your State and also to all the Principals / Directors of UGC section 12-B recognised Colleges / Institutions. Let me add that the Mission covers all the educational institutions in the Higher Education domain, whether in public or private sector, and they would also be covered once their list is authenticated by State Govts. / Universities, for which a separate letter follows with a compiled list of such institutions.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,  
  
(N.K. Sinha) 21.8.09

Vice Chancellors of All the Universities in India.

Copy to: Principals / Directors of All the Colleges / Educational Institutions in India,  
Principal Secretary / Secretary of Higher Education of All the States,  
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