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**Minutes of the Network Committee meeting held at the DTE's chamber on  
05/08/2026 at 12.30 pm.**

**Members Present**

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| 1. Dr Jayaprakash.P  | DTE                                    |
| 2 Smt.Subhalekshmy R | SFO                                    |
| 3 Sri.Vijayakumar.CR | Accounts Officer General               |
| 4 Smt.Gijimole.M     | System Analyst                         |
| 5 Sri Sojan.B        | Senior Superintendent,Planning Section |
| 6 Sri.Kapil Sreedhar | Clerk,Planning Section                 |

**Agenda.**

**Guidelines and Directives for Renewal of Internet/Broadband Services and NKN  
Connections across Institutions under DTE**

To discuss and scrutinize the proposals received from various technical institutions under the Directorate regarding the renewal of subscription for National Knowledge Network (NKN) and local Broadband internet connections.

**A. Key Discussions & Observations**

The Network Committee reviewed and verified all proposals submitted by the institutions and recorded the following key observations:

1. **Absence of Need Justification**: None of the institutions provided concrete technical or operational justification regarding whether their requirements necessitate an NKN connection or a standard commercial Broadband provider.
2. **Underutilization of NKN**: There is a noticeable lack of proper utilization of the specialized features and advanced capabilities provided along with NKN connections.
3. **ISP Price Variance**: A steep price difference was observed in quotes submitted by the same Internet Service Provider (ISP) to different institutions located in various districts under the DTE.

4. Fund Utilization: The expenses incurred for internet subscription payments are to be borne by the respective institution from their Plan Fund or self-generated funds (such as PTA, CE Cell or other local funds).

## **B. Decisions Taken & Recommendations**

### **1. Mandatory Open Tendering:**

To benefit from lower commercial quotes, ensure quality internet service, and encourage fair market competition, institutions shall not renew subscriptions directly. Instead, each institution must independently call for competitive Open Tenders.

### **2. Mandatory Tender Criteria:**

Institutions must draft their tender specifications incorporating the following minimum essential technical requirements based on their campus needs:

- Static IP Facility: To ensure continuity of existing network services and internal facilities.
- High Availability & Reliability: Robust connectivity ensuring maximum uptime.
- Scalability: High scalability to seamlessly match future expansion and bandwidth demands.
- Optimal Bandwidth Capacity: Capacity suited to actual campus utilization.
- Ensure periodical and prompt maintenance of the entire system

### **3. Post-Tender Scrutiny & Final Review:**

Once competitive quotes are received, institutions must submit them to the Directorate along with a formal justification detailing their requirement for NKN versus other ISPs. Necessary final instructions and approvals will be granted after a review meeting of the DTE Network Committee.

The Meeting concluded at 1.30 PM.

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