

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) executed this 10th day of October 2001. **BETWEEN THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH, HYDERABAD, INDIA, (hereinafter referred to as "GOAP"), represented by the Secretary, Information Technology and Communications; of the one part AND Dr.B.R.AMBEDKAR OPEN UNIVERSITY, 46 Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad (hereinafter referred to as "BRAOU") represented by its Vice Chancellor of the other part.**

WHEREAS the Government of AP has entered into a MoU with the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) on the 8th July 2000 with a view to exploit the emerging satellite network technologies for the overall development of the State, through cooperation in the use of satellite-based network in Ku-band available in INSAT 3-B satellite for taking up programmes in the following areas:

- (i) Distance Education
- (ii) Telemedicine
- (iii) HRD
- (iv) Agricultural extension
- (v) Agricultural Market Committees
- (vi) E-governance
- (vii) Awareness-building among self-help groups
- (viii) Community Internet Infrastructure

AND WHEREAS, the Salient Features of the proposed Sat-com Network are:

- (i) To run six (6) channels in the Ku-band for meeting the requirements of the various applications.
- (ii) To ensure the availability of 99% transmission, considering that some of the applications are mission-critical.

AND WHEREAS, the ISRO team of engineers have conducted a survey at 3 locations in Hyderabad and have recommended BRAOU as the best site from technical angle;

AND WHEREAS, Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Open University is the premier institution of the country imparting distance education by the application of the latest communication and information technologies and based on the recommendations of survey report by ISRO, it has been decided to locate the Ku-band Earth Station in the campus of BRAOU; therefore the GOAP enters into this MOU with Dr. BRAOU for setting up and managing of the Ku-band Earth Station.

Now, therefore, the parties hereby agreed as follows:

1. The BRAOU shall make available the required land at the identified site for setting up of the Earth Station which includes installation of dish antenna, construction of Earth Station building, studios and other technical and administrative requirements.
2. The construction of the Earth Station, as well as its co-located building, shall be undertaken by suitable agency identified by both the parties.
3. The Ku-band project will have a Board of Management to oversee the functioning of the Ku-band Earth station and BRAOU will be represented suitably on the Board.
4. Of the six channels in the Ku-band, a suitable bandwidth shall be exclusively earmarked for distance education programs of BRAOU.
5. The BRAOU shall extend all technical and academic support to the Project.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have caused this MOU to be signed on their respective behalf by their only authorized officials at the place and on the date first hereinabove written.

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Signed by **J.Satyanarayana IAS**
Secretary, Dept. of IT&C

the duly authorized signatory of
GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH
HYDERABAD, INDIA in the presence of

Witnesses:

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1. **Sri.TV.Parthasaradhi**
Director (Communications)
Dept. of IT&C

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Signed by: **Dr.M.Prithviraj**
Registrar, (I/C)

the duly authorized signatory of
Dr.B.R.AMBEDKAR OPEN UNIVERSITY
in the presence of

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2. **Prof. Afzal Mohammad**
Vice Chancellor- Dr.BRAOU
Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad.