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Telecom Secy Calls for BSNL, BBNL to Work Jointly

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Kolkata: Telecom Secretary Rakesh Garg has asked Bharat Sanchar Nigam (BSNL) and Bharat Broadband Networks (BBNL) to maximise coordination to ensure the ₹21,000-crore NOFN rollout is concluded by the March 2016 deadline mandated by the Prime Minister's Office. Garg said BSNL and BBNL "need to find solutions jointly" as the NOFN project is being directly monitored by the Prime Minister, and "no excuses for any slip-ups will be accepted," according to the minutes of a recent DoT review meeting with BSNL circle heads, seen by ET. His diktat to BSNL and BBNL stems from the fact that the "PMO has assigned high priority to the NOFN rollout," as it will be main broadband backbone for delivering government services under the Centre's Digital India initiative.