

Replies to Bidder's Queries (Batch-3)  
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S. No.	Queries	Document Ref:	USF Response
1	The tender document mentions 4 clusters; however, during our detailed planning, we found that the distance between the designated locations is significantly large. Since we shall be deploying GPON technology, it is not technically feasible to serve the entire area efficiently within only 4 clusters. To ensure service quality, we have redesigned the layout into more than 4 clusters. Kindly confirm if increasing the cluster count is permissible under the project framework.	Schedule A (Part-1) of SSA	Please refer to reply of Query-1 of Query Set-2.
2	Due to the increased number of clusters and the need to integrate all clusters into a fiber ring, the total fiber length has increased beyond the reference figure mentioned in the tender. We would like to inquire whether subsidy can be claimed for this excess fiber length as well.	Schedule A (Part-1) of SSA	Please refer to reply of Query-2 of Query Set-2.
3	With reference to Annexure 5: Technical BoQs, please confirm whether the active node and access system (OLT) hardware can be from different OEMs.	Annex 5 to RFA	Please refer to Clause 43.7 of RFA "Field Proven Equipment, Software and Solutions ", and all its sub clauses.
4	With reference to Annexure 5: Technical BoQs, please confirm whether the access system (OLT) is also required to include a redundant control/supervisory card.	Annex 5 to RFA	Redundant control/supervisory card is to be provided to keep uptime and meet SLA requirements.