

Replies to Bidder's Queries (Batch-5)
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S. No.	Queries	Document Ref:	USF Response
1	<p>Kindly confirm whether it is mandatory to propose ring connectivity between the active sites, or if linear connectivity would also be acceptable.</p> <p>In some LOTs where region/locality does not support the establishment of ring of active nodes. Would it be acceptable to USF, if the bidder proposes a solution with single (linear) connectivity between active sites in such cases? This is being raised since, in the Replies to Bidders' Queries Batch-4 (Uploaded), USF has reiterated the requirement of proposing active sites in a ring topology by referring the Clause 1(d) of Schedule A (Part-1) of SSA.</p>	Schedule A (Part-1) of SSA	<p>Ring topology is preferred for redundancy as per Clause 1(d) of SSA. However, ring is not mandatory where alternate paths are technically unfeasible. Service Providers may propose linear connectivity in such segments. USF will assess the design based on overall network reliability and justification.</p>
2	<p>Is it mandatory to deploy both OLT and IP grade router at each active site? If bidder proposes only OLT at an active site, would it be acceptable to USF? As in the Clause 1(f) of Schedule A (Part-1) of SSA, USF has mentioned the requirement of IP grade device in each active node with a switching capacity of 400G.</p>	Schedule A (Part-1) of SSA	<p>Deployment of both OLT and IP-grade router at each active site is not mandatory. Clause 1(f) outlines performance benchmarks, and does not fix architectural requirements. Service Providers may propose site-specific designs based on their network strategy. USF will evaluate compliance based on overall technical adequacy and service delivery.</p>