

**Replies to Bidder's Queries (Batch-4)**  
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<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Queries</b>	<b>Document Ref:</b>	<b>USF Response</b>
1	Can the existing SP serving node be considered and utilized as an Active Node within the proposed network architecture?	Schedule A (Part I) of SSA	Yes, the existing SP serving node may be considered as an Active Node provided it meets all technical, capacity, and performance requirements specified in the RFA.
2	Since it is mandatory to drop 48 fibers at each site, can a third site be integrated by tapping/splicing into the existing 48-fiber link between two sites while still remaining compliant with the project requirements?	Schedule A (Part I) of SSA	Yes, tapping or splicing into an existing 48-fiber link between two sites to integrate an additional (third) site is permissible, provided that the mandatory requirements of RFA are met at each site and on links. Please note that minimum 48 Fibers for UC connectivity and minimum 12 fibers for Village connectivity are mandatory.
3	Schedule A part-I to SSA requires that Each village must be connected using minimum of 12 Fiber (6 pairs) cable. However, it also mentions that The Service Provider to reserve five (05) fiber pairs to be sold as Dark Fiber/IRU basis and one dedicated dark fiber pair for Defense Services. In this case, no fiber pairs will be left for connectivity of USF scope. Kindly clarify.	Schedule A (Part I) of SSA	For Village connectivity a minimum of 12 Fiber (6 Pair) cable is mandatory. Reserve five (05) fiber pairs to be sold as Dark Fiber/IRU basis and one dedicated dark fiber pair for Défense Services is not applicable on Village level connectivity.