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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-1. It is reproduced here: The number and placement of Optical Line Terminals (OLTs) are to be strategically determined by the SP, based on the overall network architecture, considering key factors such as access network reach, and desired data rate/quality of service. All network nodes—both active and passive—must be capable of delivering optical access services, including Passive Optical Network (PON) and Metro Ethernet, to given number of locations i.e. 66 target locations. Each node should be designed to support a minimum of 128 PON or Metro Ethernet users. The SP should design and suitably place OLTs to meet targets as per RFA.
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 clause 1(p) of Schedule A (Part-1) of SSA. Service Providers (SPs) have the flexibility to design their own network plans, provided they ensure coverage of all mandatory unserved towns and Union Councils and meets USF requirements (RFA). This may require more OFC length that the SP may include in the offer and claim subsidy.