

Net Neutrality is very essential for the citizens to use the internet as one of the very essential services of the nations. It is this, which will reflect the people's- trust, development, free communication, open, honest, Knowledgeable citizens and fastest growth, of its nation. Hence net neutrality should be preserved till the people and Government, feel otherwise maybe after a review in 10 year period. However, the essential online services provided for the welfare of the people, like Government, Public, Education, Research, Non-profit Organisation, etc.... should be provided without any requirement to pay for its services. However, all non-profit services, by these organisations/ Govt, should follow net neutrality. Have responded to the questions in attached document.

Q1. No differential pricing. However, the non-profit websites and content, in India that are meant for the welfare of the public are to be allowed for access /downloads without any requirement for any payments.... which, mean anyone having the Aadhaar can register by linking their PAN and avail for free access to the non-profit services from the Govt, Public, EDU, RESEARCH, Non-Profit Organisation sites and services without paying for its access/content. However, access to all other websites/content should follow net neutrality, irrespective of it being a social media site or content, which may or maynot be a free service.

Q2. No differential pricing, except for the free access to the Website/application/content/services -in India, the Govt, Public, Education, Research and Non-Profit organisations. As explained in response to Q1, Govt should use this opportunity to take control of and encourage the public to use the internet as means for its development and all its digital initiatives... By having them link Aadhaar, PAN etc.. by the Needy citizens, to avail the free services of those non-profit organisations in India. Govt should establish framework defining- what/who/which is considered as non-profit in India. websites/application/services/platforms/content. This will greatly benefit those needy citizens who are to really benefit from the free access to these essentials, without requiring to pay for it.

This approach will keep both the requirements,- free and Net Neutrality to co-exist for the welfare of its citizens. Net Neutrality will automatically give way for the innovation, while maintaining the non-discrimination, transparency, and affordable internet access.

Q3. As mentioned in above two responses, Govt to workout a mechanism to have the TSP validate the citizens credentials for its free access, using the Aadhaar(+/-)PAN database. As one registers their internet connection with their TSP, they need to get the coupon code from the Govt website to be used with their TSP's for their free sites/content access. The coupon code is sent to the registered users on their registered mobile. Also, all new connections form, for TSP services should have details of the multiple connections to provide the free access on all these connections the needy citizen, may have.

The benefits, as mentioned earlier, the needy citizens and Govt, will greatly benefit from its free services reaching the people and educating them of their development efforts and progress made so far. Also tracking and getting feedback on the Govt policies, procedure and subsidies for its citizens. Use this opportunity to start building a single database to link, various identity like.. Passport, Aadhaar, PAN, VoterID, Driving License,.....etc.. which will eventually provide a way to successfully have one single identity and in tracking and monitoring of the Govt subsidy very effectively and reliably. Disadvantages, it is long term effort and time, to reach the point of having single identity for its citizens to avail, all its services. Though it is expected that Big Data and Analytics will very soon narrow the gap and time to make this a reality very soon.

Q4. As the Govt embraces the Digitisation, BBNL, Environment friendly initiatives, Swachh Bharat, it is important that, the educated people or more aware and will contribute significantly to all its development initiatives. For this to happen, Net Neutrality is the foundation and it should be retained. However, as more and more non-educated users are becoming mobile users, it is easy for the Govt to reach these users through the mobile for its effective and reliable way of delivering its free services and subsidies in the future. Hence providing free access to the essential services of- Govt, Public, EDU, Research, Non-profit, will be the first steps towards reaching that goal.