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**OPTICAL TRANSMISSION SYSTEM WITH BIDIRECTIONAL CONNECTION PATHS AND METHOD FOR SETTING UP AT LEAST ONE BIDIRECTIONAL CONNECTION PATH**

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