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No.-RJ-R1/SBC Meetings/2023-24/

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Minutes of Meeting

The 13th Meeting of State Broadband Committee (SBC) was held on 25th March 2025 at 11:00 AM under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Government of Rajasthan to review the progress under National Broadband Mission (NBM). The list of participants is attached at **Annexure-I**.

It was informed by DoT, GoI that it is the 4th SBC Meeting during the current financial year and 13th since constitution of SBC in December, 2020. The SBC is required to meet once in every quarter.

The agenda of the meeting was presented and discussed in detail vis-a-vis the compliance of decisions taken during the 12th SBC Meeting held on 24th December, 2024. The gist of the discussion and the actionable points enumerated during the meeting are as under:

1. Implementation of Telecom RoW Rules, 2024 in State RoW Portal

DoT, GoI apprised that the Telecommunication (Right of Way) Rules, 2024 were notified on 17th September, 2024 in pursuance to the Telecommunications Act, 2023. These Rules have come into force on the 1st Day of January, 2025. Various Departments of Rajasthan have issued instructions for adoption of Central Telecom RoW Rules, 2024. Various timelines of different stages, fee/tariff and new provisions/features as mentioned in the Telecom RoW Rules, 2024 were briefed.

It was informed that DoIT&C, GoR has developed their own State RoW portal to implement provisions of the Telecom RoW Rules, 2024 instead of using the central RoW portal being developed by Department of Telecommunications. It was further informed that considerable progress has been made in this regard and applications are getting processed through this new State RoW portal.

Presently, three Departments namely UDH, LSG and Revenue are onboard on new State RoW portal. It was requested that other Departments (RIICO, PWD, Krishi Upaj Mandi and Energy) may be provisioned to be onboard on the new State RoW portal.

The Chief Secretary, GoR instructed DoIT&C to expedite implementation of the pending provisions of Telecom RoW Rules, 2024 in State RoW portal and onboard all remaining Departments in portal. He also instructed department nodal officer to map concerned officer on the portal.

(Action by: Energy/PWD/RIICO/Krishi Upaj Mandi/DoIT&C)

2. Pendency of Telecom Right of Way (RoW) applications on State RoW Portal

It was informed by DoT, GoI that there has been substantial reduction in the RoW pending applications as compared to the SBC Meeting held in June, 2024 due to regular follow up with District Collectors.

Presently, 139 applications are pending in old State RoW portal including 51 applications of the period 2022 and 2023. (Revenue -21 no., LSG -28 no. & UDH -2 no.). It was further informed that applications are being received in new State RoW portal. However, on account of non-completion of mapping in the portal at concerned Department level, the applications for installing telecom towers / OFC on public property are pending.

The Chief Secretary, GoR instructed Departments to expeditiously process and dispose these delayed applications in old RoW portal within fifteen days. Further, the mapping of the officials in the new RoW portal shall be done without further delay.

(Action by: Revenue/UDH / LSG)

3. Uniform Restoration Charges of Optical Fibre Cable (OFC)

DoT informed that presently, there is no uniform rate for restoration of underground work being carried out for laying of Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) among Development Authorities/Nigam/UITs etc. However, as per Telecom RoW Rules, 2024, restoration charges shall be as per the rates prescribed by CPWD for that area or as per the rate prescribed by State PWD for that area, if no rate has been prescribed by CPWD for that area. This will facilitate automatic generation of demand notes on RoW Portal and expedite grant of RoW permissions.

It is submitted that State PWD has already issued the uniform restoration rates for OFC laying vide its letter dated 10-06-2024.

DoT, GoI requested to finalise uniform restoration charges for OFC laying in the State of Rajasthan as per Telecom RoW Rules, 2024 so that it can be implemented in the new State RoW portal.

The Chief Secretary agreed that uniform restoration rates across the State among different Departments will facilitate the establishment of Telecom Infrastructure. PWD and UDH were instructed to finalize uniform restoration charges for the State of Rajasthan as per Telecom RoW Rules, 2024, at the earliest.

(Action by: PWD & UDH)

4. Charges for multiple cables erected on the poles

DoT apprised that the issue of multiple cables erected on the poles by telecom/internet service providers was earlier examined by a committee and technical specifications were formulated. However, the finalisation of the charges for multiple cables erected on the poles is awaited.

During the deliberation, Chief Secretary, GoR directed UDH to examine the matter, find out the other feasible possibilities such as rates may be decided for number of

cables in each group/bundle instead of rates for single cable in consultation with DoT and close before the next meeting.

(Action by: UDH)

5. Effective usage of Call Before u Dig (CBuD) Mobile App

DoT informed that CBuD app is beneficial to all stakeholders as it provides a common platform for intimation prior to digging, avoiding wasteful expenditure & disruption of services etc. Its usage is being monitored by Hon'ble MoC and Hon'ble MoSC on regular basis.

Presently, eight State Departments are on-board as asset owners (total no. 3314) and 3019 excavators are registered on the App. However, the number of enquiries/intimations generated are minimal even though multiple digging activities are being carried out in the State. There have been minimal intimations in CBuD app for Departments such as LSG, UDH, PHED, Energy and PWD involved in digging. It was further apprised that The Telecommunication Act, 2023 and Telecom RoW Rules, 2024 mandates prior notice on portal to avoid damage/interrupt/interfere with the Telecommunication Network.

DoT informed State of Punjab has issued Notification dated 07th February, 2025 regarding usage of CBuD covering various aspects such as mandatory "prior intimation using the app", registration of all contractors, mapping of all utility asset owners/public entities, conducting awareness workshops etc. It was also requested to include registration and usage of CBuD in tender/RFP and subsequent work orders/agreements etc.

The Chief Secretary, GoR directed UDH to examine the CBuD order issued by state of Punjab and consider to issue Notification in this regard to enhance usage of CBuD. Further, all the concerned Departments shall review the mapping of asset owners in the CBuD and take necessary action in time bound manner. Regular workshops about CBuD usage shall also be conducted by the concerned Departments.

(Action by: UDH/PWD/Energy/DoIT&C/LSG/Panchayati Raj/PHED/WRD)

6. PRAGATI Issues (BSNL 4G Saturation & Amended BharatNet)

DoT informed that presently there are two mobile projects funded by Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN), DoT namely BSNL 4G Saturation and Airtel 502 Project covering 1351 and 61 sites respectively. Regular meeting regarding progress of DBN projects is being chaired by Hon'ble MoSC on weekly basis.

It was informed that presently 80 cases of 4G Saturation project are being monitored under Pragati / PMG. The status of the cases under different category is as follows:

Category	Total	Resolved	Pending	Remarks (Pending at state level)
Forest & Wildlife	40	19	21	2 cases of forest at Nodal officer (Hanumangarh-1, Pratapgarh-1) 4 cases of wildlife at CWLW (Barmer-3, Rajasamand-1)
Other local issues	36	31	5	5 cases - (Udaipur -4, Barmer-1) Alternate land allotment awaited
Revenue	4	4	-	-

It was requested to instruct the concerned officials for early resolution of the cases pending at state/district level.

Regarding installation of electricity connections for 4G Saturation Tower sites, it was informed that 120 demand notes are pending and provisioning of 150 electricity connections is also required for which payment has already been made.

Further, a brief about amended BharatNet project (funded by Government of India) was also presented during the meeting. This project, being implemented by BSNL endeavours to provide optical fibre connectivity to the remaining Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the State of Rajasthan (2576 GPs out of 11,214). It was requested to formally notify a Gram Panchayat Digital Access Committee (DAC) under Samridh Gram Panchayat pilot project as per composition defined by DoT letter dated 23-02-2025.

The Chief Secretary, GoR directed all concerned Departments to dispose of applications pending at the State level on account of Forest/ Wildlife, other local issues and pending electricity connections expeditiously. Regarding constitution of DAC under Samridh Gram Panchayat pilot project, DoIT&C shall take up the case with RD&PR for early action.

(Action by: Revenue/Forest/Energy/DoIT&C/RD&PR)

7. Street Furniture Mapping on PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan (NMP) Portal

DoT informed that the mapping of street furniture on PM Gati-Shakti NMP Portal is required to install 5G small cells on these street furniture's and its roll out to enhance coverage of 5G network. The street furniture items are required to be updated on regular basis.

It was requested to review the existing mapping figures by the Departments and mention the total figure of the street furniture also in the said format as required for PM Gati-Shakti NMP Portal.

The Chief Secretary, GoR directed UDH, LSG and Energy Departments to review the existing mapping figures and inform Industry & Commerce Department for updation.

(Action by: Energy /UDH/LSG/Industry/DoIT&C)

8. Common Duct Policy

DoT informed that the Telecommunications Act, 2023 and Telecom RoW Rules, 2024 have provisions for the common duct and cable corridors to avoid repeated digging activities by different Departments and damage to the existing services. Presently, there is no common duct policy in the State of Rajasthan.

During deliberation, it was suggested to check if any other State has formulated or considering to formulate policy for common duct.

The Chief Secretary, GoR directed UDH Department to initiate action in this regard.

(Action by: UDH)

9. Implementation of The Electricity (Promoting Renewable Energy Through Green Energy Open Access) (Second Amendment) Rules, 2023

DoT informed that the Rajasthan Electricity Regulatory Commission (RERC) has been conducting stakeholder consultations and this subject is under consideration.

10. Regularization of existing Mobile Towers

As per UDH, decision has been taken for the regularization of existing mobile towers as per provisions or order dated 31-08-2012, applicable during that time.

11. Other Issues reported by COAI/DIPA

The following issues have been reported by COAI/DIPA from time to time:

- a) Some of the authorities are still insisting for physical files submission even after submission through SSO portal.
- b) For the applications submitted to JDA, TSPs are required to publish the details of location and telecom infra through a 'Public Notice' in newspaper seeking observations/comments/suggestions of the General Public.
- c) GST need to be incorporated in the State RoW portal for Development Authorities with provision auto generate and download GST invoice.

It was directed that no physical documents should be sought from the applicants as the portal is online and any requirements should be sought online only within the provisions of RoW Rules, 2024.

Regarding GST incorporation in the State portal, it was suggested to align with the provisions made in central RoW portal from time to time.

(Action by: UDH/LSG)

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

These minutes are issued with the approval of Competent Authority.

(Dwarka Karol)
Director (Rural) DoT, Rajasthan

Copy to: All participating members

Annexure-I

The list of participants for the 13th SBC Meeting convened under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, GoR on 25th March 2025

Government of Rajasthan

1. Sh. Abhay Kumar, Additional Chief Secretary, Water Resources
2. Sh. Praveen Gupta, Additional Chief Secretary, Public Works Department
3. Sh. Bhaskar Atmaram Sawant, Additional Chief Secretary, Public Health Engineering Department (PHED)
4. Sh. Dinesh Kumar, Principal Secretary, Revenue Department
5. Sh. Rajesh Kumar Yadav, Principal Secretary, Local Self Government (LSG)
6. Sh. Vaibhav Galriya, Principal Secretary, UDH Department
7. Smt. Archana Singh, Commissioner and Secretary, IT&C Department
8. Smt. Shivangi Swarnkar, MD, RIICO
9. Sh. Bijo Joy, Spl. Secretary, Forest Department
10. Sh. Qummer Ul Zaman Chaudhary, JS, Energy Department
11. Sh. Darbari Lal, Technical Director, DoIT&C
12. Sh. R.K. Sharma, ACE (HQ), JVVNL
13. Smt. Nidhi Sharma, Joint Commissioner, Industries & Commerce Department
14. Sh. Anoop Kumar Saxena, Sr. DGM, (Technical Cell), RIICO
15. Sh. Sanjay Kumar Vyas, J.D, Agriculture Marketing Department
16. Sh. Arvind Saxena, SE, Panchayati Raj
17. Sh. D. R. Gupta, SE, PWD
18. Sh. Ashish Kumar Gupta, Additional Director, DoIT&C

Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Government of India, LSA Rajasthan

1. Sh. Anand Katoch, DDG(R-1), DoT, Rajasthan (Convenor)
2. Sh. Kailash Chandra, DDG(R-2), DoT, Rajasthan
3. Sh. Dwarka Karol, Director (R), DoT, Rajasthan.
4. Sh. Mahaveer Prasad Meena, Assistant Director, DoT, Rajasthan
5. Dr. Vishwas Pandey, JTO, DoT, Rajasthan

Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (A Govt. of India Enterprise), Rajasthan Circle

1. Sh. Deepak Gupta, Pr. GM, BSNL
2. Sh. Ashok Maheshwari, Pr. GM, BSNL
3. Sh. Lokesh Kumar Gupta, Pr. GM (BN), BSNL

TSP/IP Associations

1. Sh. Dhananjay Gawanday, Director, COAI
 2. Sh. Greesh Kumar, GM, DIPA
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