

Minutes of Meeting of State Broadband Committee (6th meeting) of Chhattisgarh held on 20.02.2025 at 3.30 PM through Video Conferencing in the Conference Hall of O/o Chief Secretary, Govt. Of Chhattisgarh

The following committee members attended the meeting in physical/virtual mode:

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| 1. Shri Amitabh Jain, Chief Secretary, Govt. of CG | Chairman |
| 2. Smt. Niharika Barik, Principal Secretary (Electronics & IT), Govt. of CG | Member |
| 3. Dr. Kamal Preet Singh, Principal Secretary (PWD), Govt. of CG | Member |
| 4. Shri P. Dayanand, Secretary (Energy), Govt. of CG | Special Invitee |
| 5. Shri Avinash Champawat, Secretary (Revenue & Disaster Management), Govt. of CG | Special Invitee |
| 6. Shri Basavaraju S, Secretary (UAD), Govt. of CG | Member |
| 7. Shri Sunil Kumar Mishra, APCCF, Land Management | Member |
| 8. Shri Ankit Anand, Secretary (Commerce and Industry), Govt. of CG | Special Invitee |
| 9. Shri Saurabh Kumar, Director (Town & Country Planning), Govt. of CG | Special Invitee |
| 10. Shri Vivekanand, ADG (P), ANO, Govt. of CG | Special Invitee |
| 11. Shri Bhim Singh Kanwar, MD, CSPDCL | Special Invitee |
| 11. Shri V. K. Chhablani, CGMT BSNL | Special Invitee |
| 12. Shri Sandeep Keshkar, Pr. GM, BBNL | Special Invitee |
| 13. Representatives of COAI | Special Invitee |
| 14. Representatives of DIPA | Special Invitee |
| 15. Shri Atul Saxen, DDG (R), MP LSA, DoT | Member Convenor |

The following officers also participated in the meeting-

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| 1. Shri Devendra Dwivedi | - DDG (C), DoT |
| 2. Shri Prabhat Malik | - CEO, CHiPS |
| 3. Shri Neeresh Sharma | - Director (C), DoT |
| 4. Shri Rohit Jain | - Director (R), DoT |

The Member Convener requested the Chairman for permission to start the meeting.

Opening Remarks and Welcome address:

The meeting began with a welcome address by Shri Devendra Dwivedi, DDG (Compliance), DoT, Chhattisgarh. He apprised the Committee of the progress made since last SBC meeting held on 14th March 2024, particularly regarding progress made in installation of mobile towers under USOF schemes (from 500 approximately at the time of holding last SBC which was in March, 2024 to more than 1300 till date). Committee was

also informed about the unveiling of National Broadband Mission 2.0 by Hon'ble Minister of Communications, Govt. of India. He also thanked the Chairman SBC, i.e. Chief Secretary, for sparing time to hold this meeting.

After this, the meeting progressed as per the agenda through a presentation by DDG (Rural), DoT CG.

Agenda Item SBC 06/01

Discussion on minutes of 5th SBC meeting and action taken

The Action Taken Report on the minutes of the fifth Meeting of State Broadband Committee of Chhattisgarh, which was held on 14.03.2024 was presented by Member Convenor, and following decisions were taken-

Sl. No.	Agenda Points of 5th meeting of SBC	Decision	Action By
1	Amendment of state RoW rules and Pending RoW cases	New Right of Way (RoW), Rules, 2024 has been adopted by State. The matter regarding pending RoW cases is to be examined by CHiPS.	CHiPS
2	Mandatory use of CBuD	Department of Urban Administration and Development to hold a meeting with all the urban bodies and promote the use of CBuD app	UAD
3	USOF Mobile Projects	The SBC was informed that more than 650 towers have started radiating. The chair directed BSNL to expedite the work in remaining sites and monitor data consumption of each tower as well.	BSNL
4	Implementation of Electricity Green Energy Open Access Rules 2023	State Energy Department is examining the matter.	Dept. of Energy
5	Addendum to Model Building bye-laws	Department of Commerce and Industry to examine the matter.	Dept. of Commerce & Industry
6	Integration of 24+4 data layers on PM GatiShakti Portal	SBC was informed that data regarding 6 lakh electric poles have been updated in PM GatiShakti Portal, but data in respect of street lights, bus shelter and govt. building is still awaited. The chair directed CHiPS to complete this activity.	CHiPS

(Action by: BSNL, Dept. of Commerce & Industry/ Energy/ UAD, CHiPS)

Agenda Item SBC 06/02
National Broadband Mission 2.0

- The Committee was apprised about the launch of National Broadband Mission (NBM) 2.0 by Hon'ble Minister of Communications, Govt. of India on 17.01.2025.
- The aim of NBM 2.0 is to propel India into a new era of digital transformation and global competitiveness aligning with the vision of Viksit Bharat
- The key objectives of NBM 2.0 are as follows:
 - Extending optical fiber cable (OFC) connectivity to 2.7 lakh villages by 2030, ensuring 95% uptime
 - Providing broadband access to 90% of anchor institutions like schools, healthcare centers, and panchayat offices.
 - Increasing rural internet subscribers from 45 to 60 per 100 population by 2030.
 - Powering 30 percent of mobile towers with sustainable energy by 2030.
 - Facilitating 5G rollout nationwide and preparing infrastructure for 6G networks.
- The annual targets were also discussed with the Committee.

Agenda Item SBC 06/03
Implementation of New RoW Rules, 2024

- Chhattisgarh State Government vide its letter no 4-23/E&IT/56 dated 31.12.2024 has endorsed new RoW Rules, 2024 and has opted for migration to central RoW portal.
- The bank details data and mapping data is pending from the State Government side for migration to central RoW portal.
- CHiPS have requested a training/workshop to get the feel of new RoW portal for better understanding and faster execution of work.

Decision taken

- The Chief Secretary suggested to provide bank details of districts in phased manner starting with those districts where maximum number of towers were installed last year.
- Department of Telecommunications (DoT) was instructed to arrange training of new RoW portal of State Authorities.

(Action by: CHiPS, DoT)

Agenda Item SBC 06/04

Pending RoW cases

- As per CG – RoW portal, there are 183 cases of Tower Installation pending for more than 90 days and 10 cases of OFC laying pending for more than 90 days.
- Average approval time is very high for CG state.
- CHiPS was requested to consider all these pending cases for deemed approval.

Decision taken

- The Chief Secretary suggested to hold a meeting of District Officials under chairmanship of Principal Secretary Electronics and Information Technology to resolve the pending cases.
- The pending RoW cases are to be included in agenda of Collector's conference as well.

(Action by: Dept. of E&IT)

Agenda Item SBC 06/05

Mandatory use of CBuD

- Call Before U Dig (CBuD) mobile app was launched by hon'ble Prime Minister on 22nd March 2023.
- The mobile app connects excavators and asset owners through SMS/ Email notification and click to call, so that there are planned excavations in the country while ensuring the safety of underground assets.
- This App, being utility agnostic, supports any utility asset owner, like Water Pipeline, sewerage, Gas pipeline, Electric cables etc. owned or managed by various departments of State Government.
- However, in view of low usage of CBuD app in general, the matter was brought to the notice of all state governments by USOF Administrator, DoT.
- A D.O. letter, highlighting the benefits of CBuD app to prevent damage to telecom infrastructure as well as to water/gas pipeline, electric cables and even roads was written to states.
- Revised monthly targets of 233 per month have also been fixed for Chhattisgarh State.
- The Committee was requested to mandate the usage of CBuD app by including the below line in every permission letter or work order,

“Agency which is excavating must use the CBuD App before commencing any excavation on public lands/roads in the State”

Decision taken

- The Chief Secretary instructed Department of Urban Administration and Development to hold a meeting with all the urban bodies and promote the use of CBuD app and to achieve the fixed monthly targets set by Department of Telecom.

(Action by: Dept. of UAD)

Agenda Item SBC 06/06

USOF mobile projects

- Committee was apprised about the status of various USOF funded projects running the state of Chhattisgarh.
- Around 1300 towers have been commissioned through various USOF schemes.
- Matter regarding 50% discount in Energy Charges for mobile towers of BSNL in LWE affected districts under Chhattisgarh State on the lines of Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited (RJIL) was raised by BSNL.

Decision taken

- The Chief Secretary suggested BSNL to submit a request letter with Chhattisgarh Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) for processing of their request regarding 50% discount in Energy Charges.

(Action by: BSNL)

Agenda Item SBC 06/07

Addendum to Model Building bye-laws

- MoHUA, Govt. of India has issued an addendum to Model Building Bye Laws, 2016 as Annexure-III with provisions for in-building solution (IBS) for Telecom Infrastructure. This has been circulated to all the States by MoHUA with a request to incorporate the provisions in their respective building bye laws.
- It was proposed by DOT that this addendum to MBBL -2016 as circulated by MoHUA may be incorporated in the state building bye-laws.

Decision taken

The matter is to be examined by Department of Housing and Environment (H&E) Department. DoT offered to share addendum incorporated by other states for reference.

(Action by: Dept. of Housing & Environment)

Agenda Item SBC 06/08

Updation of data layers on PM Gatishakti State Master Plan portal

- Govt. of India had identified 24 data layers for integration by the State Govt. to the PM GatiShakti State Master Plan Portal. These included land revenue records, Embankments, ASI sites, Forest etc.
- On the request of DoT, 4 additional data layers were added to this list viz. Electric Poles, Traffic Light Poles, Bus terminals/Bus Shelters, and Government Buildings. State Govt. was requested by DoT to expedite the progress of integration of these layers to the PM GatiShakti State Master Plan Portal.
- Data in respect of 6 Lakh electric poles have been mapped into the portal.

Decision taken

- In order to monitor the progress of data updation, it was suggested that the total number of Electric Poles, Traffic Light Poles, Bus terminals/ Bus Shelters and Government Buildings may be computed and tracked against the updated ones.
- Concerned Dept. may provide the data to Department of Telecom for tracking of data updation.

(Action by: DoT, CHiPS)

Agenda Item SBC 06/09

Utilization of BharatNet

- Under BharatNet Phase-I and Phase-II project, 4050 and 5720 Gram Panchayats (GPs) respectively are service ready and out of which 2237 and 246 are operational.
- However, there are only 8000 (approx.) and 400 (approx.) FTTH connections are running in these Gram Panchayats.
- As per objective of National Broadband Mission 2.0, 90% of anchor institutions like schools, healthcare centres and panchayat offices are to be provided with broadband access through BharatNet infrastructure.

Decision taken

- The Chief Secretary suggested to use various Government schemes such as **Samgra Shiksha Abhiyaan** to saturate schools, **National Health Mission** to saturate health centres and Rural development schemes to saturate Panchayat offices.

(Action by: Health, Education and Panchayati Raj Department)

Any other point with the permission of Chair

- Principal Secretary (E & IT) raised the issue of 3000 uncovered habitations and informed that a list has been shared with the BSNL in this regard.

Decision taken

- The Chief Secretary instructed BSNL to carry out survey of these uncovered habitations and submit a report by March end for consideration for coverage of these sites under appropriate USOF schemes.

(Action by: BSNL)

- Digital Infrastructure Provider Association (DIPA) raised the matter of offline submission of applications in absence of new RoW portal.

Decision taken

- The Chief Secretary instructed DoT LSA team to examine the matter and provide a mechanism for submission of applications for this intermediate period.

(Action by: DoT)

- Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI) informed about the non-availability of online facility for submission of application for electricity connection, non-refund of security deposit amount in case of disconnection and issuance of temporary connection to the mobile towers.
- MD, CSPDCL informed the committee that the online application process is in place and a new connection could be applied completely online. In case of refund process, escalation matrix was explained to COAI. COAI was also suggested to make use of helpline number 1912 in case of any issue.

Chairman's address:

In his concluding address, the Chairman of State Broadband Committee, Chief Secretary, Govt. of Chhattisgarh assured that all assistance will be provided by the State Govt. for timely roll-out of USOF projects.

The meeting ended with thanks to the chair.

Issued with the approval of Chairman, State Broadband Committee, Chhattisgarh.

(Atul Saxena)

Member Convener
DDG (Rural), DOT CG

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