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To
1. The Advisor, APLSA, DOT, Govt. of India
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Lr.No. ITEC-15/TFG/15/2020-Electronics, Dated:23-06-2022

Sir,

Sub: ITE&C Department - State Broadband Committee - 4th National Broadband Mission - Minutes of the meeting held on 29.04.2022 at 2.00 PM - Communicated - Reg.

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The minutes of 4th National Broadband Mission meeting held on 29.04.2022 at 2.00 PM in the O/o the Chief Secretary, Conference Hall, 9th Floor, BRKR Bhavan, Telangana Secretariat, Hyderabad of State Broadband Committee are communicated herewith for information and taking follow up action accordingly.

Yours faithfully

J. Bharam Konda
for Principal Secretary to Government

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4th State Broadband Committee Meeting Minutes of the Meeting on 29th April, 2022 held in the chambers of the Chief Secretary, Government of Telangana

Members Present during the review meeting:

1. Sri. Somesh Kumar, IAS, Chief Secretary to Government, Chairman SBC
2. Smt. Shanthi Kumari, IAS, Spl. Chief Secretary to Government, Forest Department
3. Sri. Sunil Sharma, IAS, Spl. Chief Secretary to Government, T, R & B Department
4. Sri. M. Mahender Reddy, IPS, DGP
5. Sri. Jayesh Ranjan, IAS, Prl. Secretary to Government, ITE&C Department, Co-Convenor.
6. Sri. Ashok Kumar, ITS, Advisor, APLSA, DOT, Govt. of India, Co-Convenor
7. Sri. Nagesh Rao, ITS, DDG(Rural), APLSA, DOT, Govt. of India
8. Sri. G. Suresh Reddy, ITS, Director(Rural), APLSA, DOT, Govt. of India
9. Sri. Sujai Karampuri, MD, T-Fiber
10. Sri. U. Sreenivas, ITS, Sr. General Manager, BBNL, Telangana
11. Smt. Anila Kiran, ITS Principal General Manager, BSNL, Telangana circle
12. Sri. N. Murali, ITS, Sr. General Manager, BSNL, Telangana circle
13. Sri. J. Ravi Chandra, ITS, Prl. General Manager, BSNL, Telangana Circle

Members Present through Video Conference:

1. Sri. Harpreet Singh, AVP, M/s. DIPA
2. Sri. Kshem Kapoor, Deputy Director, M/s. COAI

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4th SBC meeting was held on 29th April 2022 in the chambers of the Hon'ble Chief Secretary, Government of Telangana. Principal Secretary, ITE&C started the meeting by welcoming Hon'ble Chairman and members and requested the DoT to start the deliberations.

2. The Committee discussed the deliverables of the National Broadband Mission (NBM), Integration & Commissioning of Single window online portal for RoW clearance, district-wise list of uncovered villages in the state, status of on-going LWE Phase-2 project, district-level telecom meetings under Addl. Collector, Identification of vacant lands & buildings of the government, affordable rentals for hiring DISCOM poles for laying overhead OFC, restoration by Telecom Service Providers (TSPs), putting into use the WhatsApp group created for arresting the damage to OFC, adoption of National Building Code (NBC), provision of EB connection on industrial rates and the status of BharatNet Phase - I & Phase - II Projects.

3. The Co-Convenor, Advisor (DoT), Hyderabad made a detailed presentation on the above-mentioned aspects. Copy of the same is placed in Annexure-II. He stressed the importance of sending feedback from the state on "Draft policy guidelines on Right of Way (RoW) for the establishment of Telecommunications Infrastructure" which envisaged the utilization of street furniture for the upcoming 5G deployment, by making tariff more affordable. He also stressed the importance of quick integration & commissioning of a single window online portal as the Minister of Communication is going to launch the centralized DoT portal very soon. He requested the state government to utilize the BharatNet phase-1 network in 1035 live GP locations. The State Broadband Committee also reviewed the Minutes of the Meeting of 3rd State broadband Committee meeting.

4. The Committee discussed the following:

1. Though the single window RoW portal of Telangana is launched, it is to be integrated with the centralized DoT portal and is to be commissioned. Pending RoW cases need to be settled in a time-bound manner and all fresh RoW applications are to be routed

only through the newly launched RoW portal. The committee opined that the old RoW portal should not accept fresh RoW applications from either TSP or DIPA.

Intimation of DLTC meetings may be communicated to DoT so that participation from the industry is ensured.

The 5G implementation was discussed and it is noted that 5G deployment needs huge number of small antennas. State Government to help the provisioning of 5G small antennas /BTS on street furniture like poles, bus shelters, hoardings, etc by making tariff more affordable.

2. The need to implement National Building Code (NBC) 2016 GoI guidelines for Telecom Infrastructure. It is decided that a separate meeting will be conducted with Municipal Administration & Urban Development Department (MA&UD) in Telangana State to discuss the modalities of NBC implementation.

Progress made in the LWE Phase-2 project is reviewed. For the smooth rollout of the project, it was informed by the DGP that a nodal officer will be nominated from the police department to resolve any issues in the implementation of the LWE Project.

3. DoT officials mentioned that all the actionable items of 3rd SBC are addressed, except for the identification of vacant Government Lands & Buildings. Committee noted that list of vacant Government Lands & Buildings is to be obtained from the District Collectors by writing a letter to all the DCs

Committee noted that whatsapp group created for the purpose of arresting damage to OFC with various stakeholders like TSP/DIPA/GHMC/HMWSB/DISCOM is not active. The committee directed DISCOM/GHMC/HMWSB to intimate their schedule of underground/Overhead works in advance in this WhatsApp group so that TSPs/DIPA will take precautionary measures to arrest the damage to OFC

4. Committee discussed the need to bring "Telecommunications Towers and infrastructure" under the industrial category. Maharashtra DISCOM categorised Telecom under the industrial category. A similar measure is to be undertaken by Telangana Government. A letter to this effect is written by COAI to TSERC on 24-11-2021. The Spl. Chief Secretary, Energy said he will look into the matter and asked COAI to furnish the Maharashtra order copy.

Committee has reviewed the district-wise Row pendency. It is noted that the bulk of the pending applications are in Mahboob Nagar. It is desired by the committee that DLTC platform may be used to resolve such pending RoW cases. Also, A district wise list of pending issues of Fiber and Towers may be submitted to address pending issues.

5. Committee has gone through the following representations of COAI & DIPA for ease of doing Telecom business in the state by reducing ROW charges:

M/s. COAI has raised the following points:

- a. Tariff for small cells should be reduced to make it more affordable keeping in view huge number of such deployments in the 5G rollout. Chairman asked COAI to submit the rates offered by other comparable states in this regard to enable TS to take a decision in this regard.
- b. GHMC is yet to adhere to the TS RoW GO regarding rental of poles charges.
- c. Restoration charges in the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) area are very high and not uniform. Restoration by TSP should be permitted. Principal Secretary, ITE&C mentioned that it is not possible citing the quality of restoration issues.

- d. Provision of EB Connection under Industrial rates like the state of Maharashtra.

M/s. DIPA (TAIPA) raised the following points:

- a. Spl Chief Secretary (Power) has agreed to look into the Prepaid meters for telecom sites
- b. District Level Telecom Committee needs to be convened monthly to take care of operational issues of Telecom
- c. Refund of deposit money from the state in case of non-deployment of Telecom Tower due to public protest. Principal Secretary/IT,E&C mentioned that a refund will be given and asked the industry to submit the details of such cases.
- d. Need to bring "Telecommunications infrastructure" under Industrial category from the commercial category
- e. Need to provide safety & security to Telecom infrastructure. From TSP/DIPA single point of contact (SPOC) needed for the purpose.
- f. State will amend it's existing guidelines basis central proposal for upcoming 5G technology

5. The following is summarised by Hon'ble Chairman SBC:

- a. Single window online portal for RoW will be integrated with the centralized DoT portal and commissioned expeditiously.
- b. Feedback on "Draft policy guidelines on Right of Way (RoW) for the establishment of Telecommunications Infrastructure" will be provided once the internal meeting with all stakeholders is conducted in the state.
- c. A list of vacant Government Lands & Buildings will be compiled and shared with DoT
- e. Regarding the COAI proposal to reduce the tariff for small cells, the chairman asked the industry to submit the rates offered by other comparable states in this regard to enable TS to take a decision in this regard.
- d. It is informed that DLTC meetings started happening in TS. Additional Collector (Local body) is conducting such monthly meetings to sort out any pending issues at the district level. Intimation of such meeting may be given to DoT for proper coordination with TSPs/IPs
- e. A separate meeting will be scheduled with MA&UD to implement National Building Code (NBC) 2016 GoI guidelines for Telecom Infrastructure
- f. GHMC/HMWSB/DISCOM to post upcoming underground/Overhead works in advance in the Dial-before-you-dig WhatsApp group created for this purpose.
- g. GHMC is to adopt the TS ROW G.O dated 19-02-2021 regarding pole rental charges
- h. Feasibility to categorise "Telecommunications Towers and infrastructure" under "Industrial" category, similar to that of Maharashtra DISCOMs; Special Chief Secretary, Energy said he will look into the matter.
- i. A district-wise pendency list of EB connections, RoW approvals for OFC, and Tower permissions to be submitted by DoT so that efforts will be made to clear the pendency.
- j. Regarding the safety & security of Telecom Infrastructure in the state, DGP informed that suitable instructions will be passed to all concerned.

7. Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chairman of SBC.

Sd/-

Principal Secretary to Government

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SECTION OFFICER