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No. RJ/DDG-R/SBC Meeting/2020/

Dated: -

Minutes of Meeting

The 4th State Broadband Committee Meeting to review the implementation of “National Broadband Mission” held on Monday, 28th March, 2022 at 12.30 PM through VC under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary, GoR.

1. The meeting was attended by the following officers through video conferencing:

1. Smt. SreyaGuha, Principal Secretary, Forest Department
2. Sh. Kunji Lal Meena, Principal Secretary, UDH department
3. Sh. Alok Gupta, Principal Secretary, IT&C
4. Sh. Jogaram, Secretary, LSG
5. Sh. SandeshNayak, Commissioner, IT&C
6. Dr.Ghanshyam, Director, Panchayati Raj
7. Sh. Ajeet Kumar Saxena, MD, Jaipur Discom
8. Sh. Ramcharan Sharma, Dy. Secretary, Revenue Department
9. Sh. Ajay Sharma, Joint Director, PWD
10. Sh. HarweshBhatiya , Sr. DDG, DoT , Rajasthan – Member Convener
11. Sh. V.K.Surendra , DDG Rural ,DoT ,Rajasthan
12. Sh. Sunil Kumar Singhal , Director Rural, DoT, Rajasthan
13. Sh. Sandeep Govil, CGM, BSNL, Rajasthan - Special Invitee
14. Sh. Rajesh Panwar ,Sr. GM, BBNL, Rajasthan - Special Invitee
15. Sh. T.R.Dua , DG TAIPA- Special Invitee
16. Sh. K. Kapoor ,CoAI- Special Invitee.
17. Sh.Umesh Bhandari, President RIL.
18. Sh.Dharmendra Khajuria, Head Network partnership Bharti Airtel.

The meeting started with welcome of Hon'ble Chief Secretary, GoR and other members of SBC by PS (IT&C),GoR. SrDDG, DoT Rajasthan LSA and convener of the meeting with brief address highlighting the background of constitution of state Broadband Committee for implementation and review the progress of “National Broadband Mission” for meeting the objectives of National Communication Digital Policy 2018 with the provision for “Broadband for All.”

Sr. DDG apprised that in Rajasthan 03 no. of SBC meetings have been conducted so far which certainly have sensitized the officers of central and the state government towards the objective of rapid growth and development of Telecom infrastructure in the state and also resolution of various challenges being faced by stakeholders.

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DDG, DoT, Rajasthan LSA, Jaipur presented the current telecom scenario in Rajasthan about Tele density in urban and rural area, BharatNET connectivity to Gram Panchayat and about mobile coverage status in villages of Rajasthan. Chief Secretary recognised the importance for growth of Telecom infrastructure especially in rural area to improve the Tele density and fibre connectivity to remaining Gram Panchayats and for mobile connectivity to uncovered villages.

It was apprised to CS that efforts are being by DoT to cover all villages and remaining Gram Panchayats with fibre connectivity through PPP Model. For implementation of the PPP model in 16 States including Rajasthan, the Request for Proposal (RFP) was floated on 20.07.2021 through global bidding for selection of the Private Sector Partner. The RFP was opened on 27.01.2022. No bid was received to PPP Model. Revised RFP and timelines being worked out with alternative models.

To achieve the goals of NBM and roll out of 5G services, Tower density (no. of towers per thousand population) is to be increased from 0.43 to one tower per thousand populations for which around 40000 more towers are to be installed along with fiberization of Towers which are working on radio links to roll out for 5 G services.

The main issues as per agenda points were discussed as under:

1. Setup/ Activate online portal for Row application process/ approvals-

In order to deal with effective disposal of RoW cases, centralised RoW portal is being developed on pan India basis by DoT HQ, New Delhi which has been integrated with state RoW portal also. In Rajasthan on State RoW Portal, LSG and UDH department have been brought on board (portal). The RoW cases pertaining to Revenue department are maximum among all other state department, which is still not brought on the State RoW Portal.

PS, IT & C apprised that activities to bring the Revenue department on state RoW portal is in progress and shall be completed in two weeks.

Sr. SDG apprised that the RoW portal is not reflecting the actual pendency. It is imperative that for reconciliation of the RoW data, all the RoW applications submitted earlier in physical mode are to be recorded online on the portal.

CS emphasized for online submissions of applications for the permission of laying/establishing underground/ above-ground telegraph infrastructure using the online portal only and directed for the same to all TSPs / TIPs.

2. Implementation of Deemed Approval Clause-

As per state RoW policy 2017, RoW permission shall be deemed to have been granted after expiry of sixty days from date of application, if the Nodal officer fails to either grant permission or reject the application. However, the feature of deemed approval clause has not been implemented in the state RoW portal.



After deliberation on the issue with PS UDH and Secretary LSG, CS directed for implementation the deemed approval clause in state RoW portal being the part of State RoW policy 2017. PS, IT&C assured to incorporate the deemed approval feature in RoW portal.

3. Rationalization of Manhole/ Chamber Charges for OFC Route –

Earlier in notified RoW state policy 06.02.2017 annual rent for putting manhole/chamber was @ 10 % of DLC of the area taking actual number of chambers. Further these charges has been revised by UDH for annual rent after comparing the charges with other states as under-

- (i) Rs 2000/- per manhole/chamber at DHQ.
- (ii) Rs 1000/- per manhole/chamber in other town.

Sr. DDG apprised that as per GOI RoW Rules 2016 every application shall be accompanied with fee to meet the administrative expenditure not exceeding Rs. 1000/Km but in the state annual charges are being levied. It shall defeat the very purpose of achieving “Broadband for all” and shall act as a deterrent for TSPs to invest in the state for proliferation of broadband due to high CAPEX and recurring cost.

CS also noted the issue and asked PS (UDH) to have a review on the issue again by comparing other state charges.

4. Rationalization of EB pole Charges for laying overhead OFC

As per RoW state Policy 06.02.2017 earlier these charges were being levied Rs. 1500/- per pole annually by local bodies. Now charges have been revised by UDH from 1500/- per pole to 1000/- per pole. DISCOM has also issued separate orders for pole rental as under-

S.No.	No. of poles to be utilized	Yearly poles Rental charges	Security (Refundable & Int. free)
1	Upto 500 poles	Rs. 5 Lacs	Rs. 5 Lacs
2	Above 500 poles	Rs. 5 lacs +Rs 1000 /- per pole above 500 poles	Rs. 5 lacs +Rs 1000 /- per pole above 500 poles (Max 20 Lacs)
The above yearly poles rentals charges shall be for Financial year 2022-23 with escalation @ 5 %.			

Sr. DDG apprised that in most of the states the charges are being levied around 100/- to 200/- per pole. **Further Amendment in Indian Telegraph Right of Way Rules 2016 (as per notification dated 21.10.2021) has been issued for overground telegraph line also as –**

“Provided that in cases where the overground telegraph line is established over the immovable property, vested in the control or management of any appropriate authority, then in such cases, one time compensation shall be payable for the value of the immovable

property, not exceeding one thousands rupees per kilometer of the overground telegraph line established."

In view of above, CS asked PS (UDH) and MD(DISCOM) to have a review on the issue again by comparing other state charges.

5. Fixation of charges for laying OFC through DUCT in SMART CITY Projects:

It was apprised that Rental Charges proposed for carrying OFC through Ducts being laid under the Smart city projects are very exorbitant. Like In Udaipur, charges of Rs 2,153 per meter per annum has been proposed which is exorbitant. RJIL apprised that even the cost of laying OFC including road restoration charges does not exceed from Rs. 600 per meter and no recurring /maintenance charges are to be incurred once the DUCT is constructed.

CS directed Secretary (LSG) to have a review on such charges uniformly for all cities under smart city project.

6. Removal of Annual user charges for private land & building:

Sr. DDG apprised that annual user charge are being levied by the local body for installation of over ground towers and cable even on private land and buildings. As per GOI RoW Rules 2016 every application shall be accompanied with fee to meet the administrative expenditure not exceeding Rs. 10000 per tower and 1000 per Km for underground structure.

CS directed Secretary LSG to have a relook on this.

7. Shut down of BTSs because of public complaints:

Sr. DDG DoT informed that it has been asked to shut down for 21 BTS sites (received from DIPA) and 17 BTS sites (received from M/s RJIL), because of public complaints while these towers have already granted permission.

DoT, Rajasthan requested to review cancellation orders for Shut down as Department of Telecommunications have prescribed stricter precautionary norms for exposure limit for the Radio Frequency Field (Base Station Emissions) which is 1/10th of the existing limits prescribed by International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP) and recommended by WHO.

PS(UDH) apprised that revised orders have already been issued by UDH vide F10(147)/UDH/3/2008 part III Dt 02.06.2021 for examination of such cases by the committee constituted in consultation with DOT Rajasthan LSA which has been issued in continuation of earlier orders dated 10.12.2020 issued by UDH and asked to act accordingly. PS(UDH) assured to look into the matter.

8. Delay in Issuance of permission of Tower NOC and laying of OFC-

PS,IT&C informed that District Level Telecom Committees (DLTCs) has been formed in all districts to have review of pending RoW permissions in DLTCs meetings. In continuation to this, Districts collectors were requested to have review of disposal of pending RoW permissions at district level in presence of respective telecom operators in District Level

Telecom Committee (DLTC) meetings. Review of pending RoW permissions was also taken during the VC under the chairmanship of CS, GoR with all district collectors.

It was informed by PS,IT&C that stakeholders (TIPs /TSPs) are not approaching for these issues at district level in DLTC meetings in close coordination with district authorities.

CS instructed to all TIPs/ TSPs to coordinate with district authorities for disposal of pending RoW applications.

9. Roll-out of 5G services in Rajasthan –

Consequent upon issuance of Amendments in Right of Way Rules 2016 for over ground telegraph lines dated 21.10.2021 and as also in light of DO Letter dated 11.02.2022 received from Secretary (Telecom), DoT (Govt. of India), wherein it has been mandated that Street Furniture may be used for installation of Small Cells to enable mega roll out of 5G Telecommunication Services in the State.

Sr. DDG DoT requested to draft a policy for the utilization of government infrastructure and street furniture at nominal/ minimal rent for rolling out telecom infrastructure and to constitute a task force having officers of local body authorities, DISCOMs and TSPs for evolving a workable solution for rolling out 5G in Rajasthan.

CS directed to form a committee under chairmanship of PS(UDH) to work out on modalities for use of government infrastructure/ street furniture for establishing Telecom structures and to issue suitable addenda in existing State RoW Policy for rolling out 5G in Rajasthan.

10. Pendency of Forest RoW permission-

DoT, Rajasthan apprised that there are 7 Gram Panchayat left in phase 1 of BharatNET project where Broadband connectivity has not been provided yet due to Pendency of Forest RoW permission.

PS(Forest) apprised that one case of Sapotra block in Karauli District RoW permission is pending due to imposition of penalty which has been reduced now to Rs. 1,40,000 from Rs 5,08,000/ on request of BBNL. So only after deposition of amount RoW permission shall be issued. The other case pertaining to Sapotra Wildlife was sent to NWB, Lucknow has been reverted with some query and shall be replied this week.

11. Utilisation of BharatNET Network -

PS,IT&C informed that MoU for providing FTTH connections at Gram Panchayat level is being done between RISL and BSNL. CGM (BSNL) apprised that provisioning of FTTH connection at government buildings / offices at gram panchayat level shall be commenced within 2 to 3 months.

12. Support required in providing 4G Connectivity for USOF Sites –

To provide 4G based mobile services in uncovered villages in Aspirational districts in the State of Rajasthan, Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) wing of DoT has signed agreement with M/s Bharti Hexacom Limited.

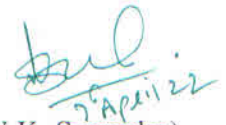


DoT, Rajasthan apprised that there is an issue of identification of ownership over properties/land for installation of mobile tower in Jaisalmer District. Proper identification of land ownership will help in closure of agreement with concerned person/department and completing the coverage requirement in these villages in time bound manner. In this regard DoT officers also have met with District Collector, Jaisalmer.

Commissioner (IT&C) assured to take up issue with District Collector Jaisalmer.

Hon'ble Chief Secretary in her closing remarks appreciated to have such important meeting relating to connectivity of villages. She assured DoT and TAIPA/COAI to look into all the issues raised in meeting with different department of GoR.

The Minutes are being issued with the approval of Chairperson of SBC.



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Copy to the following for information & necessary action:

1. PS to Chief Secretary, GoR
2. PS to Additional Chief Secretary, Energy
3. PS to Principal Secretary, RD&PR
4. PS to Principal Secretary, Forest
5. PS to Principal Secretary, Revenue
6. PS to Principal Secretary, UDH
7. PS to Principal Secretary, IT& C
8. PS to Principal Secretary, PWD
9. PS to Secretary, LSG
10. PS to Commissioner, IT&C
11. Sr. DDG, DoT, LSA Rajasthan
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