

F.No.11026/1/2005/D(Lands)(Pt.II)
Government of India
Ministry of Defence

Sena Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated the 10th September, 2025

To

1. The Chief of Naval Staff, New Delhi
2. The Chief of Army Staff, New Delhi
3. The Chief of Air Staff, New Delhi
4. The Director General of Defence Estates, New Delhi

Subject: Policy on Shared Communication Tower and Other Telecom Infrastructure to Extend Communication Network in Military Station / Cantonments – reg

In continuation to MoD policy letter No. F. 11026/1/2005/D(Lands)(Pt.II) dated 18.01.2023, letters of even No. dated 22.05.2023, 10.07.2023, 13.03.2025 & 13.03.2025 and MoD ID No. 11026/1/2005/D(Lands)(Pt.II) dated 22.03.2023, it is informed that any application received for installation of under/over ground telecom infrastructure on defence land shall henceforth be processed in accordance with the Telecommunications (Right of Way) Rules, 2024 (as amended from time to time) formulated by the Department of Telecommunications, subject to the following:-

(a) The Nodal officer within the meaning of Rule 4 of Telecommunications Right of Way (RoW) Rules, 2024 shall be as under:-

- (i) Chief Executive Officer of the Cantonment for respective Cantonments.
- (ii) Station Commander, for Military Stations.
- (iii) Head of the local establishment/field office/formation under whose management the land is placed for land outside Cantonments and Military Stations.

(b) The mode of transfer of defence land would be on "license basis" for establishment of underground and overground telecommunication infrastructure / network.

(c) The license will be granted initially for "10 years", which may be further renewed 10 years, at a time, at the option of the TSPs / ISPs till the duration of telecom license issued by DoT to the TSPs / ISPs.

(d) The land will be used only for telecom infrastructure.



(e) The license fee will be charged @ Re.1/- per annum for 10 years, irrespective of the area involved in the proposal. However, the Ministry of defence can revise the license fee, at any time during the license period.

(f) The recurring annual compensation payable under Rule 9(2)(b) by TSPs/ISPs for installation of over ground telecom network shall be @2.5% of land value based on STR/MNS/Circle rate/Guideline value, etc., as the case may be, for a facility which a Government owned Company, and to other facility providers will be @ 5% of land value based on STR/MNS/Circle rate/ Guideline value, etc., as the case may be.

The said compensation shall be revised at an interval of every 3 years on the basis of prevailing STR/MNS/Circle rate/Guideline value, etc.

2. DGDE shall take up the matter with DoT to make a provision in the GatiShakti portal to the extent that in the eventuality of lack of response from concerned Competent Authority to the RoW application within a total period of 67 days, an alert shall be generated to the concerned Service HQ / DGDE / Nodal Officers for taking necessary decision on the application within 15 days, failing which the permission shall be deemed to have been granted.

3. All other provisions of the Telecommunications Right of Way (RoW) Rules, 2024 for grant of permission for telecom infrastructure as revised from time to time shall be applicable subject to various amendments issued by MoD.

4. This issues with the concurrence of Ministry of Defence (Finance) vide their ID No. 4077 on RF No. PC-21(4)/2025/VoL.II/Fin/W-1 dated 13.08.2025.

Yours faithfully,

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10/9/2025

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Under Secretary to the Government of India

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