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of the meeting held on 10.02.2026 at 12.30am - Communicated Reg.

The minutes of 8th State Broadband Committee meeting held on 10.02.2026 at 12.30 am in the O/o. the Chief Secretary, Conference Hall, 6th Floor, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat, Hyderabad regarding State Broadband Committee are communicated herewith for information and taking follow up action accordingly.

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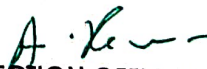
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The Prl.Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Telangana Secretariat.
The Secretary to Government, MA&UD Department, Telangana Secretariat.
The Commissioner, GHMC, Hyderabad
The Commissioner, Cyberabad Municipal Corporation
The Commissioner, Malkajigiri Municipal Corporation
The CMD, TGIC Ltd
The CMD, TGSPDCL
The CMD,TGNPDCL
The MD,Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Ltd
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The ENC, PR Engineering Department, Red Hills, Hyderabad
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Minutes of the 8th State Broadband Committee (SBC) Meeting held under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, Government of Telangana on 10th February 2026

The Additional Director General Telecom, AP LSA convened the 8th State Broadband Committee (SBC) on 10th February 2026 under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, Govt. of Telangana to address various telecom related issues in the state. List of participants from various Govt. Depts and telecom associations are mentioned below:

1. Sh. K Ramakrishna Rao, IAS, Chief Secretary, Govt. of Telangana
2. Sh. Jayesh Ranjan, IAS, Spl. Chief Secretary, MA&UD Dept.
3. Sh. Sanjay Kumar, IAS, Spl. Chief Secretary, IT,E&C Dept.
4. Sh. Navin Mittal, IAS, Spl. Chief Secretary, Energy Dept.
5. Sh. N Sridhar, Prl. Secretary, Panchayat Raj Dept.
6. Sh. M Nagesh Rao, ITS, Addl. DGT, AP LSA, DoT
7. Sh. D Bhaskara Rao. ITS, DDG (Rural-I), AP LSA, DoT
8. Sh. S Anand Kumar, ITS, DDG (Rural-II), AP LSA, DoT
9. Sh. K Naveen Kumar, ITS, PGM(CM), BSNL, Telangana
10. Sh. G Raja Ram Mohan, ITS, Bharat Net State Head, Telangana
11. Sh. A Sravan Kumar, ITS, Director (Rural), AP LSA, DoT
12. Sh. C Saravanan, IFS, Nodal Officer, FCA, Forest Dept.
13. Sh. RV Karnan, IAS, Commissioner, GHMC
14. Sh. Md. Musharaff Ali Faruqui, IAS, CMD, TG-SPDCL
15. Sh. Bhavesh Mishra, IAS, Deputy Secretary, IT,E&C Dept.
16. Sh. K Varun Reddy, IAS, CMD, TG-NPDCL
17. Sh. Y Viswanath, Head SeMT, ITEC Dept.
18. Sh. P Venu Prasad, MD, T-Fiber
19. Sh. Dorairaj Sridhar, VP, T-Fiber
20. Sh. Srinivas Jukuri, AVP, T-Fiber
21. Sh. K Lakshmana Kumar, AD, AP LSA, DoT
22. Sh. Sahadev Ratnakar, Chief Engineer, GHMC
23. Sh. A Sridhar, CTM (M&C), TGSRTC
24. Sh. C Ramana, DGM(Mobile), BSNL
25. Sh. P Ravinder, Addl. Commissioner, PR-RD
26. Sh. S Ramanuja Swamy, SE, PR-ED Dept.
27. Sh. K Saibaba, EE, PR-ED Dept.
28. Sh. Md Qudratullah, AEE, PR-ED Dept.
29. Sh. T Rajeev Reddy, DEE, HMRL
30. Smt. M Padmaja, EE, R&B Dept.
31. Smt. K Sandhya Rani, DEE, R&B Dept.
32. Smt. Dr. D Samhita, Dy.CF, Forest Dept.
33. Sh. M Nageswara Rao, Dy. CEO, PR-RD Dept.
34. Sh. KV Suresh, Dy Director, I & PR Dpt.
35. Sh. A Ashok Kumar, PRO to CGM BSNL

The Deputy Secretary, IT,E&C Dept. welcomed all the members of the committee and briefed the agenda of the meeting. He requested DoT Officers to start the deliberations. Sh. M

Nagesh Rao, Addl. DGT, AP LSA welcomed and thanked all the members for attending the 8th SBC Meeting. He informed that State Govt. has made good progress relating to the action points outlined in the previous meeting in respect to implementation of RoW Rules and onboarding of public authorities to the e-services portal, forest permissions etc.

Sri D Bhaskara Rao, DDG (Rural) has presented the achievements of National Broadband Mission 1.0 (2019-2024) which includes the launch of Gati Shakti Sanchar Portal (GSSP) for Telecom Right of Way (RoW) approvals across India and Call Before U Dig (CBuD) App to safeguard the underground assets like OFC, Water & Gas pipelines, Electricity Cables etc. These initiatives resulted in the quicker RoW permissions, faster 5G rollout, higher broadband speeds & data usage per subscriber.

Further, the goals and objectives of the NBM 2.0 were explained with focus shifting from Broadband for All in NBM 1.0 to High-Speed Broadband and Meaning connectivity for all. The deliverables of the NBM 2.0 and its implementation plan were explained with equal focus on infrastructure strengthening and the utilization to drive the economic growth. Telecom landscape of the state vis-à-vis country was presented on various telecom parameters like Tower Density, Towers/BTS Fiberization, Tele-Density, Internet Subscribers.

The Committee deliberated the following:

Telecom Achievements:

1. Telangana's T-Fiber Pilot villages hailed as National Model at Indian Mobile Congress - 2025 in New Delhi: The Hon'ble Union Minister for Communications Jyotiraditya M. Scindia described the initiative as **role model for other states** and congratulated Telangana IT & Industries Minister Sri Duddilla Sridhar Babu for the State's innovative approach to rural broadband connectivity
2. Various initiatives launched by DoT i.e., Telecom Analytics for Fraud Management and Consumer Protection (TAFMCP) which empowers citizens in disconnections of fraudulent SIM connections obtained on their name and Central Equipment Identity Register (CEIR) which is used to log complaint regarding stolen/lost mobile phones to prevent usage for illegal activities. It is informed that Telangana State police have done a commendable job in recovering the 1,14,997 mobile phones and has the **higher recovery rate** of stolen/lost mobiles in the country and 30,30,929 citizens utilized the TAFMCP services.
3. Three illegal telecom setups have been busted by the Telangana Police in coordination with the officers of DoT, AP LSA thereby curbing the loss of tax revenue to the State and Centre.
4. All the 48 urban co-operative banks in the state have onboarded the Financial Fraud Risk Indicator to effectively tackle the cyber fraud menace.

Fiberization of towers:

5. The status and need for fiberization of towers was discussed. The utilization of Bharat Net Fiber for improving the same was proposed and elicit the view of COAI/DIPA. They opined that the TSPs are always open to improve the network based on the need. The chair has sought the view of MD, T-Fiber on leasing the fiber to the TSPs. It is informed that the proposal was sent to all TSPs for fiberization of towers and they are yet to receive the response from TSPs. The DDG (Rural) asked COAI to inform the

members about the proposal and a meeting will be convened by LSA along with T-Fiber to explore the possibility of utilizing Bharat Net Fiber.

Action by: AP LSA, T-Fiber, COAI/DIPA

Onboarding to e-services portal of DoT:

6. The DDG (Rural) informed IT,E&C Dept. coordinated for onboarding the eight public authorities. However, GHMC (Engg. Division), HGCL, TG-SPDCL, TG-NPDCL were yet to onboard the portal. The Chair commented that the RoW Rules 2024 are applicable across the country and has sought the views of Spl. CS, MA&UD Dept. and GHMC Commissioner for its compliance, after deliberation with the Spl. CS if the respective Depts. The Chair has asked the Depts. to comply with the RoW Rules immediately since the same has been implemented across the India and sufficient time has been passed. Further, it needs to be complied being the Govt. policy.
7. The Spl. CS informed that the quality of the road infrastructure in ORR is superior and if the TSPs opted for self-restoration, the quality will not be up to the mark specified for ORR. Similar opinion expressed by the GHMC Commissioner.
8. The DDG (Rural) informed that there is an option for the TSP to select either to restore on their own with applicable Bank Guarantee to maintain the quality of work and upto the satisfaction of the public authority or to pay the restoration amount to the Dept.
9. The Chair sought the view of the DISCOMS for not onboarding the e-services portal. CMDs of the DISCOMS informed that there is a loss of revenue due to the fact that the pole charges are Rs. 100/pole/annum as per DoT Rules whereas the DISCOMS are collecting Rs. 600/pole/annum. The matter was deliberated and finally it has been agreed by the Spl. CS, Energy Dept. that they will comply with the RoW Rules/Charges. However, they will enforce strictly and if at any pole or location where telecom cables etc. has laid without approval, strict action will be taken.
10. The DDG (Rural) brought to the notice of the committee that Hon'ble Union Minister of Communications has written a DO letter on 28th Aug 2025 to the Hon'ble CM of the state to expeditiously resolve the RoW & Electricity related issues. Further, a DO letter has been addressed by Secretary (T) to the Chief Secretary of the State on 22nd Jan 2026 to resolve the RoW Issues **for uniform implementation of RoW Rules 2024.**
11. The Chair observed that onboarding the portal will improve monitoring, regularisation of usage of poles and streamlining of the RoW procedure, thus the objective of the NBM for implementing uniform RoW Rules across the country will be met.
12. The Chair directed GHMC (Engg. Division), HGCL, DISCOMS shall onboard the e-services portal without levying any charges other than those envisaged in the RoW Rules 2024.

Action by: MA&UD Dept., GHMC, HGCL, DISCOMS

DBN funded projects:

13. The DDG (Rural) presented the status of DBN funded mobile connectivity projects and informed that the land acquisition has been completed except for the 2 sites in 4G Saturation Project and 6 OFC proposals in LWE Phase-I Upgradation. All these are falling in forest land.

14. BSNL informed that during joint inspection, a revenue land has been identified near to the Chinadampur Village and requested the Chair to instruct the KB Asifabad District Administration to allot the land expeditiously such that the forest proposal will be withdrawn.
15. The MD, T-Fiber presented the status of forest proposals and stated that land has been diverted for 5 proposals which will lit up of 45 GPs and addition of 121 Km OFC route length. It is informed that the RoFR Certificates are getting delayed and requested the chair to issue necessary instructions to exempt the Gram Sabha if the diversion of forest land is spread across multiple villages in accordance with the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEFCC) instructions.
16. The Chair asked the Spl. CS, ITEC Dept. to coordinate with the KB Asifabad District Collector and get the land allotted to 4G Saturation Project for removing the issue from PMG Meetings and also to issue a letter to the concerned District Collectors for exempting the Gram Sabha in accordance with the MoEFCC instructions for issuing RoFR Certificates.
17. BSNL requested for expeditious land allocation for the sites allotted under Cat -5 & 6 of the 4G Saturation Project and also requested to issue the demand notes(DN) for electricity connection and to extend the service wherever the DN is paid. The CMD, NPDCL informed that the demand notes have been issued in some of the cases recently and the remaining issues also will be settled in a week. The Chair directed the CMDs, DISCOMS to take necessary action to close this issue.
18. The DDG (Rural) informed that the proposal of the State Govt. on Amended Bharat Net (ABN) is being evaluated in Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN) and will be reverted shortly.
19. Details of the Samriddh Gram Panchayat pilot project was explained and requested the support of T-Fiber in providing the FTTH connections to the Govt. Institutions as per the GO Ms No. 9 dated 8th Dec 2024 and UO Note No: T-Fiber/BSM/G1/1/2026-MD dated 6th Feb 2026. M/s T-Fiber agreed to the same.
20. The DDG (Rural) informed that the District Level Telecom Committee (DLTC) has been constituted and requested the Chair to instruct the District Collectors to convene the DLTC Meetings and resolve the local telecom issues.
21. The Chair informed Spl. CS, ITEC Dept. to issue a letter to all DCs to conduct the meeting within 15 days and issue minutes to all concerned with a copy to the Dept.
22. The Chair instructed T-Fiber and BSNL to monitor and maintain the uptime of min. 95% at GP level as envisaged in the NBM 2.0

Action by: IT, E&C Dept., T-Fiber, DCs, BSNL

Diversion of Forest Land under Forest Rights Act (FRA), 2006:

23. The DDG (Rural) informed that there is simpler way for obtaining the diversion of forest land through FRA 2006 where the final diverting authority will be the District Collector subject to certain condition under Section 3(2) of FRA 2006 and requested Forest Dept. to explore the possibility of diversion under FRA without insisting on applying in PARIVESH Portal. The Chair also recalled the discussion happened in the

PMG Meetings over delays in Forest Permission and directed the Nodal Officer, FCA to explore the feasibility.

24. The Nodal Officer, FCA agreed and informed that wildlife clearance is necessary if the location falls under notified wildlife area. The DDG (Rural) agreed and requested to process upcoming proposals under FRA 2006 wherever applicable including the sites allotted under Cat-5 & 6 of 4G Saturation Project.
25. The Chair has directed MD, T-Fiber to review the existing pending proposals and instructed to apply under FRA 2006 wherever applicable for expeditious allocation

Action by: Forest Dept., BSNL, T-Fiber

Call Before U Dig (CBuD):

26. Statistics on posting digging enquiries in the Call Before U Dig (CBuD) was presented to the members. As compared to the Central agencies, posting of digging enquires are to be improved among State Govt. Asset Owners.
27. The DDG (Rural) informed that a DO letter has been sent from Addl Secretary (Telecom) to the Chief Secretary on 19th Nov'24 suggesting following measures to improve the usage of Call Before U Dig (CBuD) Mobile App for posting digging notifications:
 - a. All work orders/RFP/agreements etc. must have a condition for mandatory usage of CBuD App
 - b. A small portion of payment to contractor may be linked to the usage of CBuD App for posting notifications.
 - c. Penalties for non-usage of CBuD App by excavating agencies
28. Based on analysis, it is observed that GHMC & HGCL are not onboarded the App completely. Further, DISCOMS have changed the closed user group (CUG) mobile numbers to another TSP, which needs to be onboarded again. Moreover, it is observed that some of the organizations have no representation in some of the districts. It is requested to look into these issues and onboard the new asset owners at the earliest.
29. The Chair instructed all the Department heads to monitor the onboarding and utilization of CBuD App and issue a letter to all concerned for mandatory utilization.

Action by: All Asset owning agencies

Amendment to Model Building Bye Laws:

30. MA&UD Dept. has issued amendments to the Model Building Bye Laws in the state on 31st March 2023. The DDG (Rural) emphasized the need to modify the checklist by including Inbuilding Solutions- Digital Connectivity Infrastructure (IBS-DCI) compliance in the existing Occupancy Certificate format. The Chair told the Spl. CS, MA&UD Dept. to ensure that checkbox for IBS-DCI is made available in OC Format.

Action by: MA&UD Dept.

31. **Deployment of atleast 48F instead of 24F Optical Ground wire:** State Transmission Utilities (STU) may be advised to follow the recommendation of Central Electricity Authority for leveraging the OPGW of power sector to improve broadband connectivity

in remote/hilly terrains. The DDG (Rural) requested the Spl. CS to share the list of locations/routes where the OPGW Cable is available for leasing to TSPs on commercial terms.

Action by: Energy Dept.

32. **Designing the new street furniture as per the TEC Recommendations:** The pole owning depts. like Electricity, Police, GHMC, Municipalities may be advised to install poles as per the TEC Recommendations such that the same may also be utilized for other utilities like OFC, Small Cell etc & for enabling fast deployment of 5G services in the state.

Action by: MA&UD Dept., Energy Dept., DISCOMS

33. Representatives of COAI & DIPA brought the following issues to the notice of the committee:

M/s. COAI has raised the following points:

- a. Requested the State Govt. to instruct GHMC, HGCL, DISCOMS to implement the RoW Rules 2024.
- b. Authorities are onboarded in 'E-service' Portal, but not using the portal, asking members to use TG-Right of way Portal (old portal).
- c. **Support From NH/NHAI & Forest:** Approval timeline is very high, online portal is available, but many steps are processed offline.

M/s DIPA raised the following points:

- a. M/s Indus Towers (An IP licensee) informed that 87 sites (Authority - 41, Public - 46) having issues for deployment of towers even after securing RoW clearance. List is enclosed.
- b. Since the jurisdiction of GHMC has been expanded, additional authorities may be added in the portal for ease of RoW permissions.
- c. Enabling Roof Top Pole (RTP) for the PR-RD Dept. & Land Type "Private" in poles option for GHMC.
- d. Migrating telecom tariff from commercial to industrial category similar to Maharashtra and Himachal Pradesh which are aligned with TRAI recommendations.
- e. Facilitating priority connections with Smart meters to the telecom industry. This initiative aims to address billing disputes and reduce operational costs caused by inaccuracies in traditional metering. Smart meters are essential for accurate billing and efficient energy management.
- f. Composite / Consolidated Billing – Request for implementation of the Ministry of Power's advisory on the same. It is informed that 18 states have implemented the composite billing.
- g. Direction to DISCOMS to not to insist on NOC, Registered Agreement for towers erected on Private properties as per the RoW Rules, 2024. Further, the requirement of Aadhar for a electricity connections may be dispensed with as the connections are being taken on the entity name.

- h. Requested to regularly convene DLTC Meetings in all districts to resolve the issues faced by DIPA Members at field level.

Action by: Energy Dept, DISCOMS, MA&UD Dept., GHMC, HGCL

34. CMDs of the DISCOMS raised the issue of dangling cables on the electric poles which resulted into unfortunate death of 7 members during procession of Ganesh Festival, Rath Yatra. It is also informed that most of the cables laid on the pole are unusable. The Chair expressed serious concern over the dangling wires resulted in the loss of lives of the innocent citizens. Further, Chair has instructed to formulate a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) which includes Joint Inspection with TSP representatives to remove the dangling cables before 30 days of any major festivals like Ganesh Chaturdhi, Bonalu, Rath Yatra etc. COAI/DIPA agreed to fully cooperate with the DISCOMS during such joint inspection.
35. The Chair has informed that all the decisions have been taken as prescribed by the DoT to penetrate the broadband connectivity in the state and COAI/DIPA should fully cooperate and follow the regulations in place to avoid any untoward situations.
36. The Spl. CS, Energy Dept. further observed that streamlining RoW procedure through e-services portal will greatly enhance the compliance to the existing laws. Further, if any operator laid the OFC without proper permission, it will be liable to cut without any notice.
37. Further, the chair directed DISCOMS to provide the smart meters at least for telecom assets without waiting further.
38. The Spl. CS, Energy Dept. has agreed for composite billing of all the telecom assets of the TSPs.

Action by: Energy Dept, DISCOMS, COAI, DIPA

Summary of decisions and actionable point taken in the 8th SBC Meeting:

Sr. No	Decision /Actionable Point	Action by
1	LSA shall coordinate with T-Fiber and TSPs for utilization of Bharat Net Fiber for improving the fiberization of towers.	AP LSA, T-Fiber, COAI/DIPA
2	GHMC, HGCL, DISCOMS shall onboard the e-services portal in compliance to the RoW Rules 2024.	IT,E&C Dept., MA&UD Dept., GHMC, HGCL, DISCOMS
3	DISCOMS shall resolve the issue of BSNL w.r.t extending services where the Demand Note (DN) was paid and to issue the DN if it is pending.	DISCOMS, BSNL

4	IT,E&C Dept. shall coordinate with District Collectors (DCs) for allocation of land for 4G Saturation Project and to coordinate with DCs for T-Fiber issues.	IT, E&C Dept., DCs, BSNL, T-Fiber,
5	T-Fiber shall provide FTTH connections as per GO Ms. No. 9 dated 8 th Dec 2024 and UO Note No: T-Fiber/BSM/G1/1/2026-MD dated 6 th Feb 2026 with priority to Samriddh Gram Panchayats (SGPs)	T-Fiber
6	Forest Dept. shall process the diversion of forest land under FRA 2006 wherever it is applicable. T-Fiber has been instructed to review the pending proposals and apply under FRA 2006 for expeditious allocation	Forest Dept., T-Fiber, BSNL
7	All the State Govt. Depts shall regularly update the CBuD Asset Owners/Excavators list in the App and Department Heads to monitor the utilization of the App. All the State Govt. Departments involved in Digging Activities shall post the Digging Notifications in CBuD App. Chair directed that the Departments who haven't received awareness/training session shall provide a suitable date to DoT for conducting training/awareness sessions on usage of CBuD App.	Depts. Onboarded on CBuD App
8	Concerned authority in the MA&UD Dept. should make necessary amendments for including IBS-DCI as a checklist while issuing Occupancy Certificate for a building	MA&UD Dept.
9	IT, E&C Dept. shall coordinate with the District Collectors for onboarding the DLTC onto CBuD App and conduct DLTC meetings at regular intervals for resolving the field level issues of TSP/IPs.	IT, E&C Dept., DCs
10	Energy Dept., DISCOMs are advised to use 48F in their Optical Ground Wire (OPGW) Cables and design their new poles in accordance with the Telecom Engineering Centre (TEC) recommendations to support the 5G rollout.	Energy Dept.
11	Energy Dept./DISCOMS have been mandated to formulate Standard Operating Procedure (SOP), which is to be followed before any major events to remove the dangling cables. The Chair instructed the COAI & DIPA to fully comply with the regulations imposed by the public authorities.	Energy Dept., DISCOMS, COAI/DIPA
12	All the concerned depts. were instructed to resolve the issues raised by COAI & DIPA. Composite Billing & Smart Meter	IT,E&C Dept., MA&UD Dept.,

	are to be deployed to resolve the electricity related issues. Direction to DISCOMS to not to insist on NOC, Registered Agreement for towers erected on Private properties as per the RoW Rules,2024. Further, the requirement of Aadhar for a electricity connections may be dispensed with as the connections are being taken on the entity name	Energy Dept., DISCOMS
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The Chair in his concluding remarks instructed that letters to be issued to the concerned departments as per the discussions held /decisions taken.

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

Annexure-1 : List of Participants

Annexure-2: 8th SBC presentation

Annexure-3: List of T-Fiber forest proposals pending at various levels

Annexure-4: List of 87 sites where the deployment issues are brought to the notice of the committee.