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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, ELECTRONICS & COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

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Sir,

Sub: ITE&C Department - State Broadband Committee – 5th National Broadband Mission - Minutes of the meeting held on **09.05.2023 at 12.00 Noon** - Communicated - Reg.

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The minutes of 5th National Broadband Mission meeting held on **09.05.2023 at 12.00 Noon** 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.

Yours faithfully


for Principal Secretary to Government


Encl: as above

**5th State Broadband Committee (SBC) Meeting -
Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th May 2023 in the CHIEF SECRETARY,
Government of Telangana office conference Hall, Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Bhavan,
Telangana Secretariat**

5th SBC meeting was held on 9th May 2023 in the conference hall of the Hon'ble Chief Secretary, Government of Telangana. The Convenor, SBC & Principal Secretary ,IT,E&C Department started the meeting by welcoming Hon'ble Chairman and State Broadband Committee members and requested Department of Telecommunications (DoT) to start the deliberations. List of the participants is mentioned in the **Annexure-I**.

The Committee discussed the following agenda points:

- Status of implementation of amended RoW rules
- Need for creating awareness amongst builders regarding Amendment to Building Rules, the newly issued G.O.Ms (49) of MA &UD dated 31.3.2023 by conducting a workshop
- Status of implementation of CBuD App
- Issues related to TS RoW portal
- Pendency of RoW cases in various departments
- Constitution of 5G working committee
- Digitization of street furniture within the Hyderabad city limits to start with
- Implementation of Indian Telegraph (Infrastructure safety) rules
- Status of on-going USO projects like LWE Phase-2
- BSNL 4G saturation Project
- BharatNet Project Phase – I & Phase – II
- Identification of vacant lands & buildings of the Government
- Provision of EB connection on Industrial rates to Telecom Installations

The Director (DoT), Hyderabad made a detailed presentation on the above-mentioned aspects. Copy of the same is placed in **Annexure-II**. The State Broadband Committee also reviewed the Minutes of the Meeting of 4th State broadband Committee meeting.

The Committee discussed the following:

1. Though state RoW policy is broadly aligned with central RoW amended guidelines, certain deviations are brought out. Principal Secretary (IT, E&C) opined that, though charges cannot be waived off, it will be brought to reasonable amount. He said he will conduct one meeting with stake holders and rationalize the RoW charges and to implement other provisions related to amendments of IT RoW Rules, 2022 dated 17th August 2022.
2. Though Single window RoW portal of Telangana is launched and integrated with the centralized DoT portal, some of the departments (GHMC allied agencies [like CRMP, SRDP, & HMRL], TSIIC, TS-SPDCL & TS-NPDCL for electricity poles, PR & RD for mobile towers) are yet to be on-boarded onto the portal. It was decided that the Jt. Director (eGov), ITE&C Department will ensure CGG to be engaged with each of these departments to hasten the process of onboarding.
3. Department-wise pending RoW cases were analysed. The Committee opined that list of RoW cases be circulated once again to all the departments for quick resolution. Similar to Forest department's FRCM (Fortnightly Regional Coordination Meeting), each department should also have a mechanism to monitor the RoW pendency.
4. Digitization of street furniture was discussed. Gati shakti State nodal officer & Spl Secretary (Industries) explained the status of the project. Keeping in view the costs

involved, it was decided to do digitization first in the Hyderabad city limits. He sought directions to be issued to the asset owning departments (MA&UD, TS-RTC, TS-SPDCL) so that this activity will be given priority. It was 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

5. The Addendum to model building by-laws of MoHUA has been implemented in the State vide G.O.Ms No (49) dated 31-3-2023 by Municipal Administration & Urban Development Department (MA&UD). It was decided that MA & UD department should convene an awareness session with all stake holders like CREDAI to educate the builder community regarding the need for creation of CTI as per the specified MoHUA guidelines.
6. Status of implementation of the newly launched CBuD App was also discussed. Some of the departments PR & ED, GHMC & T R&B are yet to be onboarded on to the CBuD App. IT,E&C department has to endorse the Indian Telegraph (Infrastructure Safety) Rules, 2022 to all the asset owners and digging agencies in the state, so that digging agencies will notify the digging activity in the CBuD App to enable the asset owners to take appropriate measures to curtail the damage.
7. Committee discussed the need to bring “Telecommunications Towers and infrastructure” under the industrial category. Case of Maharashtra DISCOM categorising Telecom under the industrial category was brought to the notice. Spl. Chief Secretary (Energy) said it may not be feasible to charge power to Telecom infrastructure under Industrial category. COAI opined that this can be discussed once again once 5G working committee is formed.
8. DoT brought to the notice of the Chairman that 5G working committee is yet to be formed in the state. It was decided that necessary steps will be taken to form 5G working committee at the earliest. Principal Secretary (IT, E&C) opined that Secretary (T,R&B) should also be included as member of the committee. Once the committee is constituted, it was decided to convene one day capacity building conference.
9. Status of various USO funded projects was reviewed. Regarding LWE Phase-II project, it is brought to the notice of the committee that T-Fiber has Lit-up 5 GP sites and OFC connectivity could be provisioned based on the feasibility. On 4G saturation project, the following are the observations of the state:

S.no	BSNL request	TS Govt reply
1	Allotment of 9 pending revenue lands for construction of Tower	Sites will be allotted by month end.
2	Permissions by Fores Department for 36 Forest lands for which BSNL is undertaking the DGPS survey.	The case may be taken up by BSNL with Integrated Regional officer (IRO), MoEF&CC, Hyderabad for permissions.
3	To issue orders for provision of EB supply to Cell Towers for an amount less than one lakh (EB demand note) as per USOF /DOT guidelines	The EB demand note generated as per actuals and cannot be decreased and BSNL must pay as per the Demand note. Pertaining to RDSS reimbursement TS govt yet to sign the Agreement.
4	Provisioning of OFC for 93 Sites for 4G Saturation Project. 45 Sites are declared feasible now by T-Fiber and in 48 Sites are work in progress.	BSNL to issue Purchase Order to T-Fiber for 93 Sites for OFC provisioning.

10. Regarding the key recommendations of the working group on “Cross sector collaborative regulation between Telecom & Electricity Regulators” mentioned the presentation, Energy department said all are feasible except the item no.s 3,5 & 7.
11. DoT officials mentioned that all the actionable items of 4th SBC have been addressed, except for the identification of vacant Government Lands & Buildings. Committee noted that list of vacant Government Lands & Buildings be prepared at the earliest to enable the service providers to expedite the 5G services in the state.
12. Representatives of COAI & DIPA brought the following issues to the notice of the committee regarding ease of doing Telecom business in the state:

M/s. COAI has raised the following points:

- a. Rationalization of RoW charges and bring it in line with latest RoW amendments of DoT
- b. Provision of EB Connection under Industrial rates like the state of Maharashtra.
- c. Identification of vacant lands & buildings in the state for erection of telecom infrastructure.
- d. Quick formation of 5G working committee so that issues related to the deployment of 5G equipment on street furniture can be taken up with committee.

M/s.DIPA raised the following points:

- a. Refund of deposit money from the state in case of non-deployment of Telecom Tower due to public protest.
- b. Need to bring “Telecommunications infrastructure” under Industrial category from the commercial category
- c. Need to provide safety & security to Telecom infrastructure.

The following is summarised by Hon’ble Chairman SBC:

- a. IT E&C will convene a meeting with all stake holders regarding rationalization of RoW charges and to implement other provisions related to amendments of IT RoW Rules, 2022 dated 17th August 2022. Remarks from Spl.CS, MA&UD are still awaited. Upon receipt of the remarks from Spl.CS, MA&UD department, the meeting with stake holders will be convened.
- b. 5G working committee will be formed soon.
- c. One day capacity building conference will be planned subsequently.
- d. A separate meeting will be convened by MA&UD to spread awareness amongst builder community on the latest amendments to the state building code issued on 31.3.2023
- e. PR & ED,TSIIC and GHMC departments to be on board to CBuD App at the earliest
- f. Some of the departments (GHMC allied agencies [like CRMP, SRDP & HMRL],TSIIC, TS-SPDCL & TS-NPDCL for electricity poles, PR & RD for mobile towers) are yet to be on boarded onto the portal. IT E&C will coordinate with CGG and concerned departments for quick on boarding.
- g. T-Fiber to examine OFC provisioning at 5 LWE Phase-II locations.
- h. A list of pending RoW cases to be prepared afresh and submitted to enable the CS office to circulate to all the departments for quick resolution. List is prepared in kept in **Annexure-3**. All pending RoW cases to be reviewed in departmental review meetings periodically.

- i. Digitization of street furniture as part of PM Gati Shakti NMP project will be taken up in the Hyderabad city limits to start with. Directions to be issued to the asset owning departments (MA&UD, TS-RTC, TS-SPDCL) so that this activity will be given priority
- j. A list of vacant Government Lands & Buildings will be compiled and shared with DoT
- k. IT,E&C department has to endorse the Indian Telegraph (Infrastructure Safety) Rules, 2022 to all the asset owners and digging agencies in the state, so that digging agencies will notify the digging activity in the CBuD App prior to the commencement of digging, to enable the asset owners to take appropriate measures to curtail the damage

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

**CHIEF SECRETARY
GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA**

- a. Annexure -1 : List of participants
- b. Annexure-2 : 5th SBC presentation
- c. Annexure-3 : List of department-wise pending RoW cases

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