

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, ELECTRONICS & COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

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To

- ✓ 1. The Advisor, APLSA, DOT, Govt. of India
2. The Chief General Manager, BBNL
3. The Chief General Manager, BSNL

Lr.No. ITEC-15/TFG/15/2020-Electronics, Dated:05-10-2020

Sir,

Sub: ITE&C Department - State Broadband Committee – National Broadband Mission - Minutes of the meeting held on **04.09.2020** at **1.30 PM** - Communicated - Reg.

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The minutes of National Broadband Mission meeting held on **04.09.2020** at **1.30 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


For Prl.Secretary to Government

Encl: as above



State Broadband Committee Meeting - Minutes of the Meeting on 4th September 2020 held in the chambers of the CHIEF SECRETARY, Government of Telangana

Preamble:

The Department of Telecom (DoT) has informed all States that Central Government has launched National Broadband Mission (NBM) to enable fast track growth of digital communications infrastructure, bridge the digital divide for digital empowerment and inclusion, provide affordable and universal access of broadband for all. NBM is envisaged to fulfill the vision of "Broadband to All" and fulfill the goals of the National Digital Communications Policy 2018. The DoT has suggested the following:

1. To create a State Broadband Committee for achieving the objectives of the National Broadband Mission in next five years.
2. To address all matters regarding Broadband Readiness Index (BRI).
3. Monitoring and evaluation of the work of Mission pertaining to the State.
4. To facilitate implementation of the guidelines issued by the Governing Council or Steering Committee enabling expansion of broadband services for the socio-economic development.
5. To work with States to have their Right of Way (RoW) Policy aligned with the Right of Way (RoW) Rules notified by the Central Government.

Members Present during the review meeting:

1. Sri. Somesh Kumar, IAS, Chief Secretary – Chairman SBC
2. Smt. Shanthi Kumari, IAS, Spl.Chief Secretary, EFS&T Department
3. Sri. Sunil Sharma, IAS, Prl. Secretary, T,R&B Department
4. Sri. Jayesh Ranjan, IAS, Prl.Secretary, ITE&C Department, Co-Convenor
5. Sri. Santhosh Babu, IAS, Secretary, HMDA, MA&UD Department
6. Sri. J.V.Raja Reddy, ITS, Advisor, APLSA, DOT, Govt. of India
7. Sri. Sujai Karampuri, MD,T-Fiber

Members Present through Video Conference:

1. Sri. G.V.Ramakrishna, Chief General Manager, BBNL
2. Sri. KVN Rao, Prl.GM, BSNL
3. Sri. Tilak Raj Dua, Chairman, M/s. TAIPA
4. Sri. P.Ramakrishna, Principal Advisor, M/s. COAI

Proceedings of the Committee on 04.09.2020:

The State Broadband Committee (SBC) meeting started by welcoming Hon'ble Chairman. The State Broadband Committee discussed the broad parameters of National Broadband Mission (NBM) of Government of India. The Co-convenor (DoT) emphasised the importance of broadband, since 10% increase in broadband results in 1% GDP Growth and other objectives of National Broadband Mission (NBM). It was expressed that there is immediate need of RoW Policy / guidelines for Telecom Infrastructure in Telangana State in line with RoW Policy / guidelines of Indian Telegraph rules 2016 of DoT, Government of India.

The Committee discussed on Coverage Status in Telangana State , technology wise (i.e. 2G/3G/4G), Uncovered Villages in TS, The status of BharatNet Phase – I & Phase – II Projects . The Co-Convenor (DoT) stressed that those Gram Panchayats (GP) ready with fiber under BharatNet Phase –I project, should be used for Connecting Schools, Primary Health Care Centres (PHC), Police Stations, Mee seva Centres and other Government institutions with broadband, which will help in monitoring QoS and maintenance of these links. The Committee discussed the following:

1. APLSA, DoT, Hyderabad requested the State Government for Mandal HQ, Villages / Hamlets Latitude – Longitude information and Village Boundaries for analysing the coverage status at the grass root level. State Government authorities to take necessary action.
2. DoT emphasised the need of the RoW Policy / guidelines for Telecom Infrastructure in Telangana State. The Principal Secretary, ITE&C replied that they are pursuing with MA&UD department for resolving the issues and in 10 days RoW Policy for Telecom Infrastructure for Telangana State will be issued along with the feature of Single window / Portal clearance. TR&B department is requested to give instructions to the concerned for Integration of new web portal with the existing portal maintained by TR&B Department.
3. Committee discussed on the Status of BharatNet phase-II project, as it is State led model in case of Telangana State, being implemented by M/s T-FIBER. In Telangana State, Under BharatNet Phase – II project, only 130KMs of fiber is laid. M/s T-FIBER has replied that 1000 GPs will be activated by 31st October 2020. DoT requested the Chairman to give due importance to the uncovered villages while laying fiber under BharatNet Phase – II.
4. Committee has discussed on the importance of National Building Code (NBC) 2016, of Government of India, for Telecom Infrastructure. Chairman of SBC replied that NBC 2016 will be implemented by Municipal Administration & Urban Development Department (MA&UD) in Telangana State.
5. Committee has discussed the importance of Dig Once Policy for Telecom Infrastructure. State Government authorities to take necessary action.
6. M/s. BBNL has explained about BharatNet Phase – I Project Status in Telangana State.
7. M/s. BBNL Has raised some of the issues related to :
 - a. Power Connection at GPs for provisioning of Broadband equipment.
 - b. M/s BBNL requested for appointment of official for safe custody of equipment at GP level. The Co-Convenor Prl. Secretary, ITE&C said that, the point is appreciated and necessary actions will be taken.
 - c. Highlighted the issues of fiber cut due to ongoing Telangana State Government's developmental projects like "Mission Bhagiratha".

The Principal Secretary, ITE&C, replied that if corresponding fiber route Maps are given to Telangana State Government, then Government will take due care while execution developmental activities, with necessary co-ordination of stakeholders.

The Principal Secretary, ITE&C, asked M/s BBNL regarding handing over the BharatNet Phase - I Project to M/s T-FIBER. M/s BBNL replied that the matter is pending with DoT HQ.

The Principal Secretary, ITE&C has requested the Advisor, DOT-APLSA to do constant follow up with the DoT headquarters to handover the BharatNet Phase-I to T-Fiber.

8. M/s. COAI has raised the following issues:
 - a. Permissions were not given for installation of towers in GHMC area for the past 2 years.
 - b. Multiplicity of authorities and Co-ordination is missing in different state government departments
 - c. Restoration charges in the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) area are very high.

The Principal Secretary, ITE&C, has replied that issues are noted and will follow up with MA&UD department of Telangana State.

9. M/s.TAIPA raised the following issues:

- a. Right of Way(RoW) for Telecom Infrastructure in Telangana State has to be in line with the RoW Policy / guidelines of Indian Telegraph rules of Government of India, 2016
- b. Deemed approval clause in RoW Policy of TS
- c. Facing problems in getting NoC (No Objection Certificate) for sites
- d. Multiplicity of authorities

The Principal Secretary, ITE&C, replied that once RoW Policy / guidelines is notified and released, then all the above issues will be resolved.

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

- a. G.O on RoW Policy / guidelines for Telecom Infrastructure will be released in ten (10) days and most of the issues raised by participants will be resolved.
- b. Nominating Additional Collector (Local Body) at each district as Nodal Officer for resolving the issues at district level. If Additional Collector (LB) is not present, then the District Collector will become the Nodal officer.
- c. Targets of the NBM to be achieved timely with co-ordination of the stakeholders.

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

SOMESH KUMAR
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

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