

Minutes of First Meeting of State Broadband Committee held on 02-11-2020

The first meeting of State Broadband committee was held on 02 November, 2020 in the chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Govt. of Uttarakhand. The following officers were present during the meeting:-

1. Shree Ramesh Kumar Sudhanshu, Secretary, Information and Science Technology Department
2. Shree Shailesh Bagauli, Secretary, Urban Development
3. Shree Vijay Kumar Yadav, Additional Secretary Information and Science Technology Department
4. Shree Amit Kumar Sinha, Director, ITDA
5. Shree Avinash Kumar Srivastava, Sr. DDG, DoT
6. Shree Arun Kumar Verma, HoD, DoT, Uttarakhand
7. Shree Deepak Kumar, DDG (Rural) DoT
8. Shree Pankaj Kumar, GM, BSNL, Uttarakhand
9. Shree S.K. Singh, PGM, BSNL, Uttarakhand
10. Shree Vijay Kumar, Director, DoT, GoI
11. Shree Shoorveer Singh Tomar, Assistant Director
12. Shree Pankaj Kumar, DCF

After discussion the following decisions were taken:-

1. The CS, Govt. of UK instructed that at the state level, the Department of Information & Science Technology would be the Nodal department for the NBM and DoT need not to co-ordinate separately with other departments.
2. For the Creation of Master Database of Uttarakhand (Government Institutions like Primary /Secondary /Higher Secondary Schools, Anganwadi Kendra, Health Centers, Govt. College/P.G. College/ Engineering, Police Chowki/ Thana), the CS instructed that at the district level, the Statistical department of the district headed by the District Statistical Officer (DSTO) which keeps this data will assist the CDO in providing this data to the IT department which will in turn provide it to the DoT, UK.
3. The State Broadband Committee may also appoint nodal officers in each district / municipal area for better monitoring-> It was decided in the meeting that in each district CDO will be the Nodal officer who will be assisted by the Executive officers of Nagar Panchayat/Palika & Municipal commissioner or his representative in the Nagar Nigam.
4. Regarding List of Hamlets of respective villages, the CS, Govt. of UK suggested that this data /information will be provided by Peyjal department of Govt. of Uttarakhand as they are in the process of implementing 'Har Ghar Nal' project of Hon'ble CM of UK.
5. For utilization of Broadband by state Govt. CS remarked that the supply driven demand is to be created and they will look into it.
6. For development of Mobile App to updating data for various Govt. Institutions including Hamlets, State Government will ask state NIC unit to take up the matter with the MeitY. Regarding the development of mobile/web Application by NIC, Director ITDA suggested to replace the name of NIC by IT department, UK as the action is to be taken by the Department of Information & Science Technology, Govt. of UK which was accepted by the chair.
7. Regarding verification of coverage status/Speed of internet in dynamic way, the CS suggested that for this purpose CSC may be taken on board as they are the stake holders. This activity may require funding.
8. The state RoW POLICY is already aligned with DoT model RoW policy, except the deemed approval part. The Sec (IT), Govt. of Uttarakhand mentioned that this clause is difficult to incorporate in state RoW policy because of the demography of Uttarakhand state. DoT congratulated Department of Information & Science Technology, Govt. of Uttarakhand for almost completely aligning the RoW policy of the state with the policy of GOI.
9. It was decided and accepted by the chair that 1st, Jan, 2021 is the cut-off date after which no offline application for NoC /Permission for Tower and RoW permission for the OFC laying will be accepted by the state



- authorities. Only online applications will be received on line portal as envisaged in SWCS (Single Window Clearance System). Accordingly the concerned state authorities and TSPs/TAIPA to take action.
10. DoT appreciated the Department of Information & Science Technology, Govt. of Uttarakhand on Broadband readiness indicators (BRI) and pointed out few parameters which could be improved. Director (ITDA) informed that online SWCS is being used now. This will help in tracking/monitoring of approvals and the Indicator will definitely improve.
 11. Regarding Adoption of NBC, 2016, Secretary, Department of Housing & Urban Development, Govt. of Uttarakhand said that the status will be checked and would take action accordingly.
 12. Regarding "Dig Once Policy" Common Duct, The State Govt. informed that this activity will require huge capital expenditure. If the GoI could fund it, then only it's possible. It was suggested by DoT that this may be done at least for the bigger urban conglomerate in the plain areas of Uttarakhand. The State Government assured that the matter will be discussed in detail in further meetings. The Secretary, Urban Development & Housing, Govt. of UK informed that such provision has already been made in the SMART CITY project.
 13. For Identification of 1000 locations in urban area, the CS remarked that this is demand driven and no action should be required by the state.
 14. Regarding e-delivery of Electricity bills on email to TSPs. Intimation on SMS after issue of bills and confirmation of payments, the CS, Govt. of Uttarakhand informed that the issue will be discussed with the Secretary (Energy) and the UPCL. It was also decided by the Chairman that from the future meetings onwards, Secretary (Energy), Govt. of Uttarakhand will also be invited as special member in the SBC, Uttarakhand
 15. On BSNL suggestion of Use of power lines of Uttarakhand Power Corporation for carrying Optical Fibre Cable at reasonable rates, Secretary (IT), Govt. of India cleared that use of existing pole is already a part of policy in Uttarakhand RoW Policy, 2018. It was also mentioned by him to bring to his notice if any issue is there.
 16. Regarding BSNL suggestion on Subsidy to end user in rural areas and where a part of Capital Expenditure can be borne by local/ state government, it was pointed out by the CS, that for this, study is required to be done and quantum of subsidies to be identified may also be arrived at.
 17. Despite blanket approval has been given for Bharatnet project yet BBNL faces issues in field when agencies like PWD and other road agencies do not allow BBNL and its agencies like CSC to work on road side for restoration of OFC faults. It was requested by the DOT that the state government may reiterate the letter to apprise the concerned state Govt. agencies.
 18. Regarding BBNL concern on GP building condition including provision of doors/windows, security of installed equipment and availability of electricity at GP buildings, the state will ensure taking necessary measures to address the concern.
 19. Director ITDA on suggestion from State Head BBNL regarding training for use of FTTH, Jointing and Splicing work by CSC personnel, informed that the same is being done.
 20. TAIPA Representative praised the State's policy adoption but pointed out that the stress now needs to be given in policy implementations down the line. He pointed out that about 160 pending NoCs for Tower erection and implementation of uniform by-laws for laying and tower erection work. The CS, Govt. of Uttarakhand instructed that VC with respective DMs will be conducted and problem to be sorted out expeditiously within 15 days. For uniform by-laws implementation by state agencies, the matter of erection of mobile towers was referred to Secretary Department of Housing & Urban Development, Govt. of Uttarakhand for issuing necessary guidelines.
 21. Secretary IT requested representative of COAI to write email to the Director ITDA as well as to him detailing the issues being faced with respect to permissions not being given on Bank Guarantee and state agencies insisting for DD only.
 22. In the end, the CS, Govt. of UK informed that few of the issues discussed in meeting may require state cabinet approvals hence the concerned departments of the state will take up the issues for the approval by the state cabinet at the earliest.

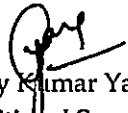

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Secretary

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2. Private Secretary, Secretary, I&ST, Govt. of Uttarakhand
3. Private Secretary, Secretary, Urban Development, Govt. of Uttarakhand
4. Private Secretary, Additional Secretary, I&ST, Govt. of Uttarakhand
5. O/o DDC, (State Coordinator), Uttarakhand, MeitY, Gol
6. Director, ITDA, Dehradun
7. All Participants of meeting
8. Guard File



By Order

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