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No. RJ/DDG-R/SBC Meeting/2020-21/ 173

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Minutes of Meeting

The 8th State Broadband Committee Meeting, convened to assess the progress of the "National Broadband Mission," took place on Tuesday, August 22nd, 2023, at 03:30 PM via VC, with Chief Secretary, GoR, presiding. Please refer to Annexure-I for the list of participants.

In the introductory address and throughout the meeting, the Chairperson appreciated commendable efforts in addressing RoW backlog, incorporating amendments in the State RoW portal as per policy revisions, and the successful adoption of the CBuD mobile application. The Chairperson also acknowledged the efficient handling of RoW applications by the Forest and Wildlife departments. The meeting's agenda was deliberated upon, leading to the identification of following actionable outcomes:

1. Pendency of RoW applications: Significant improvement has been noted in the clearance of RoW applications on the portal. All three departments, namely LSG, Revenue, and UDH shall make further necessary action to end the backlog.

Revenue and LSG departments shall hold review meetings with district collectors and relevant officials to expedite the resolution of pending RoW cases. The DS (Revenue) intimated to resolving a significant number of pending cases within the next two weeks or by the end of this month. The Secretary (LSG) highlighted the progress in reducing the existing backlog and reaffirmed the commitment to further diminish it.

To expediate this, a focused initiative could be initiated to validate payments, potentially leading to the resolution of a substantial number of pending RoW applications within these departments. Applications marked as 'withdrawn' in the tab shall be accounted for as disposed of when calculating the percentage of applications cleared.

2. Policy alignment with amended Central RoW Rules 2022: The UDH department is advised to review and consider modifying the charges in the GoR RoW order dated 13.01.2023, related to 'Usage of street furniture for installation of small cells & telegraph lines', aligning with the revised Central RoW Policy. The Additional DGT of Rajasthan LSA proposed that the subcommittee constituted for 5G, Principal Secretary (UDH), as Chairman may reconsider the mentioned provisions.
3. Restoration charges of OFC: The UDH department will examine and process the rates proposed by the Committee (formed by the Department of UDH, GoR vide order dated 17.05.2023) to determine restoration charges for Optical Fiber Cable (OFC).

4. Charges for multiple cables erected on the poles: The Chairperson noted the necessity for further examination of the matter. UDH department has asked COAI and other stakeholders to furnish additional data related to this issue. Once the data is received, the UDH department will scrutinize it and make a decision accordingly.

The LSG department has urged relevant stakeholders to deposit the necessary charges for around 6600 poles, which have already been utilized by various TSP/DIPs for overhead cables.

5. Regularization of existing mobile towers: For towers which are already erected, only fees against demand note (to be generated by concerned authority as per the UDH order dated 31-08-2012), is to be paid by applicant for the regularization of existing mobile towers.

RoW application for the regularization is to be handled and decided at the level of the concerned authority offline. All pending applications categorized as 'Regularization' by the respective TSP/DIP on the portal will be returned to the applicants. Applicants must engage with the office of appropriate concerned authority for deciding the matter as "one time drive" measure. Necessary directions shall be issued by UDH/ Revenue/LSG department for the same.

6. Incorporation of 5G application form: 5G application form vetted by the UDH department shall be incorporated on the portal for all departments to facilitate stakeholders in applying for necessary RoW permission/ intimation for deployment of 5G cells.

7. Call Before u Dig (CBuD) Mobile Application: Remaining departments Energy, PHED, Panchayati Raj, Water Resource departments who have still not issued notification for mandating CBuD may issue immediately.

All eight departments are required to complete user configurations at the Tehsil level, below the district level, in the fifth layer immediately. This step aims to improve operational efficiency.

For departments/authorities issuing excavation RoW permissions, to also include a clause mandating the use of CBuD Mobile App while granting such permissions for digging.

8. Digital Communication Readiness Index (DCRI): State Broadband Committee (SBC) may cater for the DCRI instead of forming a separate Inter-Departmental Coordination Committee (IDCC). Orders is to be issued, designating SBC to also take care of the Inter-Departmental Coordination Committee (IDCC) for DCRI purpose.

9. PM Gati Shakti NMP Portal: Data provided for Bus terminals, Bus shelters and Government Buildings needs to be provisioned in the format compatible with the portal in liaison with the BISAG-N Nodal.

Commissioner (Industries) informed that data for mapping of electric poles & Traffic light poles, is still to be collected from respective departments and request has been made to concerned department for providing the required data on priority.

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10. PRAGATI: It was intimated by the OSD (Forest) that in the project '502 Aspirational Scheme', 12 nos. applications will be considered by the Standing Board of Wildlife on 26.08.2023; and 08 nos. applications pertaining to forest clearance shall be considered by State Secretary within a week's time.

Regarding '4G Saturation Project' the Chairperson urged all concerned authorities to expediate pending RoW permissions on Parivesh portal (56 applications) and allotment of land (134 locations) to BSNL at an early date, wherever feasible other-wise issue requisite NOC.

11. Implementation of The Electricity (Promoting Renewable Energy Through Green Energy Open Access) (Second Amendment) Rules 2023: The Energy department may examine and process incorporation of similar amendment in the state policy as done by Department of Power, GoI vide notification dated 23rd May, 2023.
12. Workshop/Pilot projects on 5G use cases: Departments and authorities like CEO Smart city Ajmer/Jaipur/Udaipur/Kota, Health, Transport, Agriculture, LSG, Education, DG Police etc., whom, DoT has requested to initiate the required measures to organize workshops and pilot projects. From Rajasthan LSA, DoT Shri Dwarka Karol, Director will be the nodal officer for coordinating the activities with Departments of GoR.
13. DISCOM should review and take necessary measures in response to CGM, BSNL's letter dated 08.05.2023, addressed to the DISCOM Chairman, which requests a revision of previously issued demand notes and issuance of fresh ones, in alignment with the Ministry of Power's directives dated 11.04.2023.
14. The Energy department should address the issue of insufficient transformers, particularly 25 KVA transformers, to facilitate electricity connections for TSP/DIPs.
15. TSP/DIPs are advised to engage with the designated authority to address matters related to mandatory newspaper publication for government land usage for Tower RoW approval process and OFC duct rates.

The Minutes are being issued with the approval of Chairperson of SBC.


12/09/2023
(Dwarka Karol)
Director (R), DoT
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Copy to: All concerned.

Annexure-I

The 8th SBC meeting held on 22.08.2023 was attended by the following officers through

A. Physical Mode:

1. Sh. Sidharth Pokharna, Additional DGT, DoT, Rajasthan – Member Convener
2. Smt. Anandhi, Secretary, IT & C
3. Sh. Surendra Rai, DDG, DoT, Rajasthan
4. Sh. Dwarka Karol, Director (R), DoT, Rajasthan
5. Sh. Ashish Kumar Gupta, IT & C
6. Sh. Vinod Kumar Gupta, DoT, Rajasthan

B. Video conferencing:

1. Sh. T. Ravikanth, Principal Secretary, UDH Department
2. Sh. Ravi Jain, Secretary, PR on behalf of Additional Chief Secretary, RD & PR
3. Sh. Kailash Chand Meena, Secretary, LSG Department
4. Sh. Inderjeet Singh, Commissioner, IT&C
5. Sh. Om Prakash Kasera, Commissioner, Industries & Commerce
6. Ms. Monali Sen, OSD, Forest, on behalf of Additional Chief Secretary, Forest
7. Sh. Mohan dan Ratnoo, DS on behalf of Additional Chief Secretary, Revenue
8. Sh. S.S. Nehra, Addl. Chief Engg. (MP-IT) on behalf of Principal Secretary, Energy
9. Sh. B.S. Meena, SE, PWD on behalf of Principal Secretary, PWD
10. Sh. Sanjay Kumar, CGM, BSNL, Rajasthan - Special Invitee
11. Sh. Harpreet Kainth, Representative from DIPA- Special Invitee
12. Sh. Dhananjay, Representative of COAI- Special Invitee