

Minutes of the Meeting of UT Broadband Committee DD & DNH held on Monday 11th Jan 2021 at 5:00 PM at Secretariat Conference Hall Moti Daman

A meeting of UT Broadband Committee under the Chairmanship of Advisor to Administrator was held on 11th Jan 2021 at 5 pm in the Conference Hall, Secretariat to discuss National Broadband Mission & Right of Way Policy for telecom infrastructure. Meeting was attended by all Members of DNH & DD UT Broadband Committee via remote conferencing and in person as follows –

Advisor to Hon'ble Administrator	Chairman
Chief Conservator of Forests	Member
Secretary (Information Technology)	Member
Secretary (PWD)	Member
Sr. DDG, Gujarat LSA, DoT	Member Convener
CGM, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd., Gujarat	Special Invitee
CGM, Bharat Broadband Nigam Ltd., Gujarat	Special Invitee
Representative of the Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI)	Special Invitee
Representative of the Tower and Infrastructure Providers Association (TAIPA)	Special Invitee

And meeting was also attended by Collector DNH, Collector Daman CEO District Panchayat DNH & Daman CO DMC and SMC and Director IT.

2. At the outset, The Secretary (IT), DNH & DD welcomed all members, and briefed about the agenda of the meeting and further invited National Broadband Mission representative to briefed about the National Broadband Mission, agenda, objective and related action. Sr DDG, DoT, Gujarat Head, Sh D P Parihar gave detailed presentation regarding National Broadband Mission and Right of Way Policy, the details of which are as follows -

❖ **Functions**

- To advice on the matters relating to accomplishment of the objectives of the Mission
- To facilitate implementation of the guidelines issued
- To address all matters regarding Broadband Readiness Index (BRI)
- Monitoring and evaluation of the work of Mission pertaining to the UT

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❖ Agenda

- Presentation by Sr. DDG, DoT, Gujarat LSA
- Finalization of master database of villages to be covered under NBM
- Notification and implementation of RoW policy of the UT aligned with Indian Telegraph Right of Way rules 2016
- Utilization of BharatNetFibres for e-Governance initiatives
- Pursuance of objectives of National Broadband Mission- Ease of building up of infrastructure

❖ **Objective:** Availability of Reliable, High Speed (50 Mbps), Affordable Broadband Services to every citizen of India.

3. Further session was handed over to COAI Representative Sh. Ramakrishna to emphasis on Issues for roll-out of Telecom Infrastructure across DNH and DD as listed below.

- Notification of the Draft RoW policy aligned with Central RoW Rules
- Single Online application process for OFC laying including environment & forest clearances. Written Deemed approval be issued by system after 60 days of application submission
- Frequent Fiber cuts challenges due to various expansion activities. Penalty clause on fiber cuts as a standard contract clause and proceeds to be used for swift restoration (Including Govt. contracts)
- State Discoms, through a central agreement, to allow Telcos to use their LT Poles for aerial OFC and mounting low power 4G/5G BTS
- Permissions for laying last-mile aerial OFC/Co-axial Cables in a standardised aesthetic way
- National Building Code for in-building fibre layout be adopted by new housing societies and link it to issue of completion certificate.
- BharatNet network may be expedited for Rural Connectivity and Fiberisation of towers.
- A 'Dig-once' and 'Call before you Dig' policy should be encouraged as part of State's Policy
- Municipal and State authorities to facilitate construction of common ducts for UG electrical cable and OFC during new/widening road construction

4. Further, TAIPA representative, Sh. T R Dua, overtook the session and forwarded some of the key issues observed at their end as follow.

- Policy issues
- Operational issues
- EB issues

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➤ And Other support required

5. In continuation of the session, Secretary IT took forward the second half of the session and discussed/briefed about the drafted RoW Order by Department of Information Technology DNH & DD in accordance with the RoW Rule 2016 by Ministry of Communication and Information Technology.

Further during presentation it was unanimously suggested that to work out an effective policy Department need to consider to take into consideration the criticality involved within listed technical clause regarding road cutting and its associated charges and other technicality of civil infrastructure and involved long term development dependencies jotted within draft Row order for UT DNH & DD. And, thus it was decided to hire a domain specific consultant to draft fresh fact driven RoW Rules for UT DNH & DD in order to align clause listed within Row rules in more appropriate and feasible manner to be adopted for proper implementation across UT.

6. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

7. This is issued with the approval of Advisor to the Hon'ble Administrator,

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(Danish Ashraf, IAS)
Secretary IT DNH & DD

To: All Concern

Annexure-1

List of participants for the meeting:

1. The Chief Conservator of Forest, DNH & DD
2. The Collector, DNH/Daman/Diu
3. The Secretary, (PWD), DNH & DD
4. The Dy. Conservator of Forests, DNH & DD
5. The Chief Executive Officer (Panchayat), Daman
6. The Chief Executive Officer (Panchayat), DNH
7. The Chief Officer, Daman Municipal Council, Daman
8. The Chief Officer, Silvassa Municipal Council, Silvassa
9. The Director (IT), DNH & DD
10. The Asst. Director (IT), DNH/Daman