

**GOVERNMENT OF NAGALAND
DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATION
NAGALAND: KOHIMA**

No. IT&C/18-6/20/26

Dated Kohima, the 21st April 2026

**MINUTES OF THE 4th STATE BROADBAND COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
25TH MARCH 2026 IN THE CONFERENCE HALL OF THE CHIEF SECRETARY, NAGALAND,
KOHIMA.**

The 4th State Broadband Committee meeting was held on 25th March 2026 at 1.00 PM in the Chief Secretary's Conference Hall, under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, Nagaland, for monitoring and effective implementation of the National Broadband Mission in the State. The attendance sheet is enclosed as **Annexure-A**.

The Chief Secretary and Chairman of the State Broadband Committee welcome all the participants present in the meeting, and the agenda of the meeting was placed before the Committee by the Deputy Director General (DDG), Department of Telecommunications (DoT), License Service Area (LSA), Nagaland, Member Convener.

1. Status of Telecom Service in Nagaland:

The Deputy Director General (DDG), LSA, Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Nagaland, presented a comprehensive overview of the telecom sector in the State. The presentation covered key parameters, including network coverage through wireless and fixed-line services across service providers, tele-density, BTS deployment, and progress under the 4G Saturation and BharatNet Projects. It was highlighted that, out of 1,535 villages as per RGI list as on November 2019, 1,423 (approximately 93%) are covered by mobile services, while 1,411 villages (92%) have 4G connectivity and the remaining villages are being covered through on-going 4G Saturation Project. The overall tele-density in the State stands at 70.75%, with rural tele-density at 76.19% and urban at 65.28%, while internet density is 61.48%, comprising 64.68% in rural areas and 59% in urban areas as on 31st December 2025. The telecom infrastructure in the State includes 1,988 towers supporting a total of 6,863 BTSs, comprising 1,146 (2G), 151 (3G), 4,745 (4G), and 821 (5G) as on 28th February 2026, reflecting steady progress in expanding digital connectivity across Nagaland.

Some of the initiative undertaken by DoT, Govt. of India were also highlighted which include Telecom Act, 2023, Telecom RoW Rules, 2024, RoW Portal, Launch of National Broadband Mission (NBM)- 2.0, CBuD App and its implementation in the State, Common sharable telecom duct and utility corridor, Setting up of Digital Intelligence Unit (DIU), Citizen Centric Services Sanchar Saathi Portal, 5G Use cases labs and mapping of Street Furniture in PM Gati -Shakti NMP Platform for faster rollout of 5G services in the State.

Measures to enhance the reliability of telecom networks and extending the coverage to uncovered villages are continuous efforts for which DoT, GoI is taking necessary actions. By on-going 4G Saturation project of DoT, GoI, 4G coverage of villages increased from 76 % to 92 % in last 1-2 years and all the remaining uncovered villages are being covered through subsequent phases of on-going 4G Saturation project.

In this regard, the Chief Secretary directed that necessary measures be implemented to enhance the reliability of telecommunications networks and extend coverage to all uncovered villages and 5G services to all the 17 (seventeen) districts of the State and submit a detail status district wise.

Action: Department of Telecommunications (DoT).

2. Progress and targets of the 4G Saturation project:

The CGM, BSNL, Nagaland, presented a detailed status update on the 4G Saturation Project. In Nagaland, a total of 320 tower sites has been planned, including new installations and upgradation of existing sites under BOP/BIP and other areas. Out of these, 285 towers (89.06%) have been made operational, while work is in progress for the remaining 35 sites. Against the target of covering 443 villages, 390 villages (88.03%) have been covered as of 28.02.2026, indicating substantial progress in expanding 4G connectivity across the State.

With regard to electrification of telecom sites, it was informed that out of 274 sites where electricity connections have been applied for, demand notes have been paid for 263 sites to the Department of Power.

The Chief Engineer, Department of Power, informed that out of the 209 demand notes received during 2023–2024, electrification has been completed for 192 sites. The remaining sites are pending due to the following reasons:

- 17 sites require revised estimates, primarily due to disputes over electrification costs.
- In several cases, the estimated cost exceeds the existing cap of ₹ 2 lakh, and BSNL requested that the three Demand Notes (estimates) for the sites at Rengmapani, Bunglen (UR), and Chümoukedima (A), each exceeding ₹ 5 lakh, be revised to ₹ 5 lakh.
- 83 sites are pending due to non-installation of smart meters.
- 4 sites are facing Right of Way (RoW) issues.
- 4 sites in Mon district are located in unelectrified villages and are proposed to be covered under the RDSS Scheme.

Further, it was informed that for the 53 sites for which demand notes were paid in 2025, Letters of Award (LoA) were issued in January 2026, with completion targeted by December 2026.

The Committee emphasized the need for expedited electrification of pending sites, and the Department of Power was requested to priorities resolution of cost-related issues, smart meter installation, and RoW clearances to ensure timely commissioning of telecom infrastructure.

Specific issues were also highlighted during the meeting. At Henbenji Village (Tseminyu District), despite payment of the demand note and provision of electricity, the connection was reportedly disconnected by the Power Department. The Chief Secretary directed immediate resolution. In Viphoma Bawe Village (Kohima District), a revised estimate was submitted by the Power Department after initial payment, and both BSNL and the Power Department were directed to arrive at a mutual agreement. BSNL was further advised to coordinate with the Power Department for expeditious resolution of EB-related issues.

Additionally, BSNL flagged that agreement formalities for 13 4G sites are pending at various Deputy Commissioner (DC) offices. The Chief Secretary directed the Department of IT&C to furnish the list for necessary follow-up. Further, land and compensation-related issues were also raised for sites at Jalukieram B Village (Peren District) and Litta Old and Nizhevi Villages (Zunheboto District) for which the Chief Secretary directed BSNL to coordinate with the respective DCs to expedite resolution and ensure progress without delay.

Action:

- a) **Electrification of pending sites** -Department of Power.
- b) **Sites issues relating to land:** IT&C, BSNL.

3. Status and Progress of the Bharatnet Project by BSNL:

The Principal General Manager (PGM), BharatNet, BSNL, presented an overview of the Amended BharatNet Program (ABP). The Program, funded under the Digital Bharat Nidhi of the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), aims to provide high-speed broadband connectivity to all Gram Panchayats (GPs) and on-demand villages across the country.

It was informed that the Project is being implemented in three phases:

- **Phase-I:** Connectivity to 116 GPs through Optical Fibre Cable (OFC)
- **Phase-II:** Connectivity to 120 GPs through VSAT
- **Phase-III:** Coverage of **1,239 villages**, including upgradation/replacement of earlier phases, over approximately **2,754 route kilometers**

The project is being executed with BSNL as the Project Implementation Agency (PIA) and ITI Limited as Project Implementing Agency (PIA) with an implementation phase effective from 1st January 2026 to be completed within 3 (three) years and operation & maintenance for a period of 7 (seven) Years. In this regard, all Right of Way (RoW) permission requests for the BharatNet Project shall be submitted online through the RoW portal.

During the discussion, concerns were also raised regarding the significant scale of expansion under Phase-III compared to earlier phases, and the feasibility and execution capacity required for timely implementation.

BSNL further apprised that a request has been submitted to the Department of Power for provision of dedicated 1 kW electrical connections for each village. In response, the Department of Power informed that demand notes for approximately 500 villages have already been issued, and assured that upon receipt of payment, installation of smart meters and release of connections would be completed within 45 days.

It was also informed that BSNL has sought permission for utilisation of existing electricity poles for expediting OFC rollout. The Department of Power agreed to permit the use of LT poles villages for aerial OFC deployment, subject to execution of a formal MoA.

It was further informed that BSNL has requested the PWD for erection of poles and laying of underground OFC. The PWD agreed to the proposal, subject to the condition that road surfaces and

pavements are not damaged during execution, for which BSNL is required to submit detail route plan and obtain prior approval from the NPWD before execution of work. In this regard, the Chief Secretary directed the Department of IT&C to take up the matter with the NPWD and respective Deputy Commissioners (DCs) for expeditious RoW approvals for underground OFC and pole installation along village roads.

The Chief Secretary directed BSNL to submit a comprehensive implementation plan for OFC rollout across the identified villages. Additionally, the Chief Secretary instructed BSNL to submit the list of locations where space is required at the Block Headquarters to the Department of IT&C for getting necessary approval from the concerned Department.

Action:

- a) **MoA for permission to use electrical poles** – Department of Power and BSNL.
- b) **Erection of poles and laying of underground OFC** -BSNL, IT&C and NPWD.

4. **District Level Telecom Committee (DLTC):**

The Department of IT&C informed that the primary objectives of the **District Level Telecom Committee (DLTC)** are to enhance coordination among stakeholders, address telecom service issues, monitor infrastructure projects, and resolve Right of Way (RoW) challenges at the district level. It was further apprised that the Department has issued a communication to the Commissioner, Nagaland, requesting that all Deputy Commissioners convene DLTC meetings in their respective districts. The first DLTC meeting for Kohima District was held on 6th March 2026. The Chief Secretary suggested to ensure timely convening of DLTC meetings across all districts.

Action: IT&C

5. **Implementation of Composite Billing:**

The DDG, LSA, DoT, Nagaland apprised the Committee regarding the proposal for **Composite Billing**, highlighted the advisory issue by the Ministry of Power, GoI to all Secretaries of State for implementation of Composite Billing for multiple connections like Telecom Service Providers vide letter No. 23/1/2023-R&R, dated 24.05.2023 and D.O letter from the Ministry of Communications and Development of North Eastern Region, GoI vide D.O No. 1-3/RoW Policy-NBM/2025, dated 28.08.2025 to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of the State, wherein State Governments were instructed to consolidate all site wise bills of a Telecom company and provide one bill per telecom company in the State, to enable single payment from the telecom company. The Chief Engineer informed that the matter would be examined and taken up in phase manner. In this regard, the Chief Secretary directed the Department of Power **for the timely implementation of Composite Billing.**

Action: Department of Power.

Other Points Discussed:

The DDG, LSA, DoT, Nagaland also highlighted following other points in his presentation for which support from State Government were sought:

- a) Issuance of instructions to various Departments of Nagaland State Government for Implementation of Amended BharatNet Project in the State as per the Tripartite MoU signed in June 2025.
- b) Implementing a common utility duct system in the State (as discussed in 3rd SBC meeting).
- c) Utilization of 5G Use Case Labs by Telecom Startups in Nagaland.
- d) Mapping of Street furniture in PM Gati-Shakti NMP Platform for speedy roll out of 5G mobile services in Nagaland: So far mapping of around 42 traffic lights, 2,716 government buildings, 15 bus terminals and shelters, 65,634 electric poles, and 140 streetlights have been done in Nagaland. This mapping exercise of street furnitures is required to support efficient planning and deployment of telecom infrastructure by enabling better utilisation of existing public assets for 5G network expansion. The Nodal Department i.e. Industries and Commerce / Nagaland GIS & Remote Sensing Centre (NGISRSC) may be asked to validate and expedite the mapping of remaining street furnitures.
- e) OPGW connectivity to all District Headquarters (DHQs) and Block Headquarters (BHQs) across the State (as decided in 3rd SBC meeting).

Action: IT&C, Power and NGISRSC.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by the Chairperson.

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Chief Secretary to the Government of Nagaland

Dated Kohima, the 21st April 2026

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2. The AHoDs/HoDs, Power, PWD, Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Urban Development, Industries and Commerce, Nagaland GIS & Remote Sensing Centre (NGISRSC), Nagaland, Kohima.
3. The DDG, LSA, DoT, GoI, Nagaland, Dimapur.
4. The CGM, NE-II, BSNL, Nagaland, Dimapur.
5. The PGM, BharatNet (BSNL).
6. The GM, BSNL, Nagaland, Dimapur.
7. The DG, Cellular Operator Association of India (COAI).
8. The DG, Digital Infrastructure Providers Association (DIPA).
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4th Meeting of the State Broadband Committee(SBC)
Attendance Sheet (25-03-2026)

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