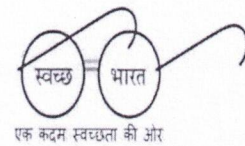




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No. RJ/DDG-R/SBC Meeting/2020/144

Dated: 19.09.2022

Minutes of Meeting

The 5th State Broadband Committee Meeting to review the implementation of “National Broadband Mission” held on Monday, 22nd August 2022 at 10.30 PM through VC under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary, GoR.

1. The meeting was attended by the following officers through video conferencing:

1. Sh. Anand Kumar, Principal Secretary, Revenue Department
2. Sh. Kunji Lal Meena, Principal Secretary, UDH Department
3. Sh. Bhaskar A. Sawant, Principal Secretary, Energy Department
4. Sh. Venktesh Sharma, Secretary, Forest Department
5. Sh. Jogaram, Secretary, LSG Department
6. Sh. Chinn Hari Meena, Secretary, PWD
7. Ms. Pratibha Singh, Director, Panchayati Raj
8. Sh. Ashish Gupta, Commissioner, IT&C
9. Sh. Sanjay Singh Nehra, Chief Engineer, HQ, Energy Department
10. Sh. Sidharth Pokharna, Sr. DDG, DoT, Rajasthan – Member Convener
11. Sh. Surendra Rai, DDG Rural, DoT, Rajasthan
12. Sh. Sunil Kumar Singhal, Director Rural, DoT, Rajasthan
13. Sh. Sandeep Govil, CGM, BSNL, Rajasthan
14. Sh. Jaswant Dabi, CGM, BBNL, Rajasthan
15. Sh. T.R.Dua, DG DIPA
16. Sh. K. Kapoor, CoAI
17. Representatives from RJIL/ BHL/ Vodafone Idea

The meeting started with welcome of Hon'ble Chief Secretary, GoR and other members of SBC by Sr.DDG, DoT Rajasthan LSA and convenor of the meeting with brief address highlighting the background of constitution of state Broadband Committee for implementation and review the progress of “National Broadband Mission” for meeting the objectives of National Digital Communication Policy 2018 with the provision for “Broadband for All.”

1. National Broadband target & outcomes :

- ✓ For rapid fiberisation of existing towers along with erection of more towers and small cells for 5G Roll out the support from state govt. is required in terms of expeditious granting of RoW permission for laying of underground and overhead OFC and Tower NOC.
- ✓ Presently 40 % towers are fiberized and 55 % towers are to be fiberized by year 2023 and 70 % by year 2025 along with erection of approx. 40,000 more tower to achieve the target of One tower per thousand population.

2. Implementation of Deemed Approval clause in Row Portal:

- ✓ As per clause the permission shall be deemed to have been granted after expiry of sixty days from date of application if the Nodal officer fails to either grant permission or reject the application.
- ✓ But the clause is not effective as in some cases either demand notes are not being generated by the dealing authorities or the payment made by agencies are not being acknowledged. Thus the counter of 60 days does not get activated due to shown pendency of payment.
- ✓ CS, Raj informed all senior officers of Rajasthan state about the importance of RoW issues which is being reviewed by Hon'ble Prime Minister in PRAGATI meeting through VC and directed PS(Revenue), PS(UDH) & Secretary (LSG) to ensure for effective and expeditious clearance through portal.

3. Expedite issuance of permission of Tower NOC and laying of OFC :

The current RoW pendency of different departments are as under.

S.No.	Department	Applications Received	Applications Approved	Applications Pending at Applicant end	Applications Pending At Department end	Application Rejected
1	LSG	879	46	512	267	54
2	Revenue	854	0	318	530	06
3	UDH	115	0	63	52	0
Grand Total		1848	46	893	849	60

- ✓ CS, Raj directed Commissioner IT&C to review these cases by calling nodal officers and clear the pendency.
- ✓ PS (Revenue), PS(UDH) & Secretary (LSG) assured to look into the cases and clearance of RoW cases under their jurisdiction.
- ✓ All concerned TSPs and IPs to immediately clear the shortcomings on their part.

4. Rationalization of Manhole/ Chamber Charges for OFC Route:

- ✓ Manhole/ Chamber Charges for OFC Route Charges have already been revised which were earlier prescribed on the basis of DLC rates.
- ✓ JDA Jaipur is charging Manhole/ Chamber charges for fixed 8 chambers per Km, irrespective of the actual number of Manhole/ chambers dug which is not as per the policy guidelines. More over JDA is not issuing new permissions till the time previous dues of chamber charges are settled.
- ✓ PS (UDH) assured to look into the matter after consulting with JDC.

5. Rationalization of EB pole Charges for laying overhead OFC :

- ✓ For 5G roll out and proliferation of broadband by internet service providers, there shall be need of laying more and more over ground fibre cable using existing street poles.

- ✓ Indian Telegraph Right of Way Rules 2016 (as per notification dated 21.10.2021) GOI addendum requires to be incorporated in state Row Policy.
- ✓ The EB poles rental charges issued by DISCOM and UDH are Rs. 1000 per pole which is still more in comparison to other states which is around Rs. 100 per pole.
- ✓ PS (UDH) informed that matter has been taken in the 5G task force committee meeting along with DISCOM authorities and charges as mentioned in the draft RoW Policy of GOI are recommended and likely to be considered after examining revised RoW policy of GOI .

6. Removal of Annual user charges for private land & building :

- ✓ The removal of annual user charges for private land & building needs to be notified.
- ✓ The 5G Roll out task force committee recommended the same as per the draft RoW Policy of GOI .

7. Fixation of charges for laying OFC through DUCT in SMART CITY Projects :

- ✓ The revision of charges for laying OFC through DUCT in SMART CITY Projects has not been issued.
- ✓ The matter has been reviewed by PS (UDH) . COAI informed that UDH has asked for charges of other states for comparison which are being arranged by COAI.

8. Shut down of BTSs because of public complaints :

- ✓ 21 No. of sites of DIPA and 17 No. of sites of M/s RJIL were shut down because of public complaints even after having requisite permission.
- ✓ As per UDH letter no. F10(147)/UDH/3/2008 part III Dt 02.06.2021 such cases are to be examined by the committee constituted in consultation with DOT Rajasthan LSA.
- ✓ Sr. DDG DOT LSA stated that Department of Telecommunications have prescribed stricter precautionary norms for exposure limit for the Radio Frequency Field (Base Station Emissions) which is 1/10th of the existing limits prescribed by ICNIRP and recommended by WHO. Further, Government of India has taken adequate steps to ensure that Telecommunications Service Providers strictly adhere to these prescribed norms.
- ✓ CS, Raj directed that instead of directly acting on public complaint , these cases are to be consulted with DoT representatives to ensure about prescribed norms for radiation are being followed and accordingly the towers shall be allowed to function smoothly.

9. Roll-out of 5G services in Rajasthan :

- ✓ For 5G Roll out in state the task force committee has been constituted under the chairmanship of PS UDH
- ✓ The committee has submitted comments on draft RoW policy of GOI and has been forwarded to NBM Directorate, DoT for appropriate consideration.

10. Support required in providing 4G Connectivity for USOF Sites :

To provide 4G based mobile services in uncovered villages in Aspirational districts under Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) scheme by M/s Bharti Hexacom Limited.

- ✓ Support required for land allotment in 13 villages of Jaisalmer district for which District Collector Jaisalmer has been requested for early resolution in the matter.

CS, Raj directed PS (Revenue) to expedite the allotment process on priority.

- ✓ Forest permission at 11 Locations & wild life permissions at 06 location are also pending .

Secy (Forest) informed that in view of revision in RoW guideline the portal software is under modification and assured to sort out the issue.

11. Identification and land allotment for Mobile uncovered Villages :

- ✓ 3409 villages have been identified as uncovered or with poor coverage on the basis of feedback received from state Govt./ VIP references/ TSPs.
- ✓ A USOF scheme for 4G saturation has been approved by cabinet to provide coverage in 2950 villages in Rajasthan state by BSNL.
- ✓ CGM BSNL requested for allocation of land at these villages on high priority basis to BSNL along with other information details like Latitude, Longitude & Census code of all 46077 villages.
- ✓ **CS,Rajasthan agreed to extend full support of state Govt. for provision of connectivity in remaining villages.**

12. Review on progress of DLTCs Meetings:

- ✓ DLTC (District Level Telecom Committee) constituted in all districts to deal with the issues related to installation of telecom infrastructure including
 - Timely disposal of applications for permission or renewal of permission.
 - Grievances for rejection of permission.
 - Grievances for seizure/removal of unauthorized towers etc.
 - Public grievances for installation of towers etc.
- ✓ **CS, Raj directed Commissioner IT&C to watch the progress of these meetings and ensure that these meetings are regularly held with active participation to resolve the specific issues at local level itself.**
- ✓ COAI , DIPA and TSPs namely AirTEL, RJIL, Vodafone Idea and BSNL representatives are required to ensure to attend DLTC meetings and coordinate with district and field level authorities of UDH , Revenue and LSG Deptt.

13. Addendum To Model Building Bye-Laws, 2016 :

- ✓ MoHUA, Gol has issued an addendum to Model Building Bye-Laws, 2016 on *"In-building Access by Telecom Service provider"* in March-2022 for creation of common telecom Infrastructure & IBS.
- ✓ PS (UDH) informed that same shall be incorporated in state building bye-laws suitably after approval of revised draft RoW Policy of Gol.

14. Utilisation of BharatNET Network :

For effective utilization of BharatNET, an agreement has been signed with M/s RISL for providing one Public Wi-Fi Access Point and 05 No. FTTH connections to government institutions in each Gram panchayat.

- (A) For provision of 05 No. FTTH connections to government institutions M/s RISL has awarded the work to BSNL for execution . Commissioner IT& C informed that USOF, DoT has been requested to release Rs. 72 crore fund to M/s RISL. CGM BBNL informed that demand is under process and USOF has asked to provide list of such places where FTTH connections are to be provided.

CS, Raj directed Commissioner IT& C to provide such list on priority including school , Aanganwari, PHC, Police station/chowki and Krishi Kendra at these locations.

- (B) Sr.DDG, DoT requested for proper functioning of Wi-Fi APs provided at Gram Panchayats provided by RISL under the agreement with USOF. The BBNL shall coordinate it and give compliance to State Broadband Committee.

15. Scheme of Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment:

- ✓ Rs.3,000 crore is earmarked for capital projects on Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) network, under a scheme for "Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment in OFC network -2022 23", started by Ministry of Finance (Gol). GoR has already sent proposal for Rs 240 crore under this scheme to DoT.
- ✓ **CS Raj directed Commissioner IT&C to peruse for release this fund under this scheme.**

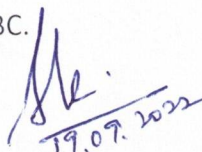
16. Electric Issues for Telecom Sites :

- ✓ COAI representative demanded for migration of telecom electric tariff from commercial to industrial category.
- ✓ CE HQ, energy deptt. asked COAI representative to submit the compilation of tariff orders of other states in this respect and representations made to regulatory authorities.

17. Safety and Security of Telecom Infrastructure:

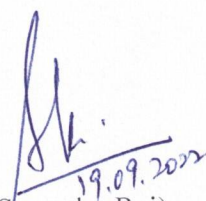
- ✓ COAI representative requested State Government to issue necessary directions to District Magistrate/District Authorities/Police authorities for Safety and Security of Telecom Infrastructure and also told that few states have already issued such orders.
- ✓ CS , Raj asked COAI to submit compilation of such orders from other states if issued in this regard.

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


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