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No. RJ-R1/SBC Meetings/2023-24/14

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Minutes of Meeting

The 9th meeting of the State Broadband Committee to assess the progress of the "National Broadband Mission," held on December 19th, 2023, under the chairpersonship of the Chief Secretary, GoR, was conducted in hybrid mode at 12:30 PM. The list of participants is available in Annexure-I.

In the opening remarks the Chairperson expressed appreciation for the remarkable progress made in addressing Right of Way (RoW) backlog, aligning the State RoW portal with policy revisions, and the successful implementation of the CBuD mobile application. The meeting's agenda was discussed in detail, leading to the identification of actionable outcome as below:

1. Pendency of RoW applications: Concerning pendency of RoW applications on portal, for over 60 days, DoT, GoI intimated that payments in these instances have been made offline, while the RoW applications were submitted online. To facilitate their clearance from the portal, the concerned authorities of the Government of Rajasthan need to validate and verify the payment details & process the cases. The Chairperson urged all departments to prioritize the expeditious resolution of these pending RoW cases, in a time bound manner.
2. Integration of leftover departments into RoW portal: Recognizing the importance of broader inclusion, the Chairperson agreed that other departments, such as Energy, Krishi Upaj Mandi, Industry Department (RIICO), etc., may be considered for integration into the state RoW portal. Concerned departments were requested to take necessary action in this regard.
3. Policy alignment with amended Central RoW Rules 2022: The UDH Department communicated that the matter related to charges in this regard, concerning to 'Usage of street furniture for installation of small cells & telegraph lines' will be presented to the Hon'ble Minister for consideration.
4. RoW Rules amendment dated 07.08.2023 : In this regard, the Chairperson directed the UDH Department to take necessary action for incorporation into State RoW policy.

5. Restoration charges of OFC: The UDH Department informed that the Committee established by the Department of UDH, GoR, to determine the rates of restoration charges for OFC, has submitted its recommendations. The uniform restoration rates proposed by the committee will be submitted to the Hon'ble Minister for approval.
6. Charges for multiple cables erected on the poles: The UDH Department has communicated that, in line with the resolution made during the previous State Broadband Committee (SBC) meeting, a reassessment of charges for multi-cabling has been conducted. Following input from stakeholders, the technical specifications will be considered for inclusion in the state guidelines, and a clarification regarding multi-cabling charges will be issued after the approval of competent authority.
7. Regularization of existing mobile towers: For towers that are already erected, the applicant is required to pay fees against the demand note, as per the UDH order dated 31-08-2012, for the regularization of existing mobile towers.

However, RoW applications for regularization of existing mobile tower has been submitted by TSPs/TIPs on State RoW Portal. While, State RoW Portal is developed to process the applications for establishment of new mobile tower only. In this regard, DoIT & C, GoR has made provision for issuance of acknowledgement for such applications through the portal. The applicants were advised to withdraw these applications from the portal and coordinate with the office of the relevant concerned authority to address the matter as part of "one time drive" initiative. The UDH/ Revenue/LSG departments were urged to issue directives for the offline processing of these regularization applications for existing mobile towers by the respective authorities at their discretion.

8. Call Before u Dig (CBuD) Mobile Application: Concerning the configuration of Tehsil/Taluka level users below the district level within the existing 4th layer, all departments, including Energy, PWD, Panchayati Raj, etc., were once again urged to expedite the process within a defined timeframe. In response to the Energy department's request, DoIT&C, GoR, in collaboration with DoT, GoI, will organize online training for users at the Tehsil/Taluka level.

Furthermore, departments such as PHED, Energy, etc., were requested to issue instructions to excavation agencies under their jurisdiction, emphasizing the utilization of the CBuD Mobile App for any excavation work, ensuring prior intimation through the CBuD Mobile App; if not yet issued.

All departments and authorities responsible for issuing excavation RoW permissions were also requested to incorporate a clause mandating the use of the CBuD Mobile App when granting such permissions, if not already in place.

9. Digital Communication Readiness Index (DCRI): Following the decision made in the previous State Broadband Committee (SBC) meeting, DoIT&C, GoR has issued orders designating SBC to oversee the Inter-Departmental Coordination Committee (IDCC) for DCRI purposes. All mapped departments, including the Department of IT, Forest, Power, Urban Development, Rural Development, Training, Industry, Education, Health, etc., alongside DoIT & C, GoR, were requested to nominate a Nodal Officer for this specific purpose.

DoIT & C, GoR, being the nodal department in the state to initiate collection of relevant data from the mapped departments.

10. PM Gati Shakti NMP Portal: The Chairperson emphasized the urgency for the Energy Department to promptly provide data related to 'Electric Poles' to be prioritized for mapping on the portal. In response, the Energy Department while agreeing to do the needful expressed the need for online training (to be imparted by BISAG-N) for its personnel on the portal's functionalities. The Commissioner, Industry & Commerce, GoR, designated as the Nodal Officer for this initiative, was requested to coordinate and organize the training session in collaboration with BISAG-N & DoT, GoI. This training aims to equip Energy Department personnel with the necessary skills for effective portal utilization.

11. PRAGATI: The Chairperson expressed satisfaction regarding the progress made in the allotment of lands in 4G Saturation Project of BSNL. The CGMT, BSNL requested for necessary intervention in the allocation of land at remaining locations. ACS(Revenue) informed that although all District Collectors involved have already been instructed to prioritize land allocation wherever possible, otherwise to issue the necessary NOC, fresh instructions will be issued on this matter.

The CGMT, BSNL also informed that out of the approximately 700 locations where applications of the electric connection has been submitted, it has received demand notes for approximately 400 locations only. To expedite the issuance of demand notes for the remaining locations, Chairperson requested the Energy Department to take necessary action at the earliest.

12. Implementation of The Electricity (Promoting Renewable Energy Through Green Energy Open Access) (Second Amendment) Rules 2023: The Energy department was requested to examine and review the amendment done by Department of Power, GoI through their notification dated 23rd May, 2023 for incorporating suitably in the state policy.

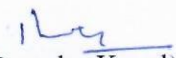
13. Workshop/Pilot projects on 5G use cases: Departments and authorities such as CEO Smart city Ajmer/ Jaipur/ Udaipur/ Kota, Health, Transport, Agriculture, LSG, Education, DG Police, among others were requested to take necessary steps to organize workshops and pilot projects. In the DoT, GoI, Director (Rural) will act as the nodal officer for coordinating these activities with various departments of GoR.

14. Higher restoration rates: COAI representative intimated that earlier in PWD policy for digging in kutchra strata, there was provision of depositing bank guarantee @ Rs. 100/- meter and now the committee has proposed @ Rs. 174/- meter; which will have substantial financial impact. Additionally, he expressed concern about the high reinstatement rates proposed by the committee for other surfaces like BT/CC compared to the prevailing rates. Apart from PWD, all rates are based on JDA rates, which are considered to be very high. He suggested to categorize cities into at least two classes, taking all three LSG authorities as a base: (i) Nagar Nigam and other UDH authorities in the same city, and (ii) Nagar Parishad/Palika's and their respective UDH authorities in the same city.
15. Policy alignment with RIICO, Krishi Upaj Mandi and others: COAI representative emphasized the importance of aligning the RoW policies of RIICO, Krishi Upaj Mandi, and other relevant entities with the state Right of Way (RoW) policy.

Recognizing the importance of similarity among the various departments within the state the Chairperson agreed that the concerned departments may be examined & process for aligning their respective RoW policies with the state RoW policy with the approval of competent authority.

16. Common ducts under smart city charges: The rates for utilizing ducts in Smart Cities need to be finalized. The UDH/LSG department was requested to take the necessary steps in consultation and coordination with other stakeholders.
17. Implementation of composite billing scheme: The Energy Department was requested to implement the composite billing scheme in both Ajmer VVNL and Jodhpur VVNL areas. Additionally, the department was requested to ensure strict adherence to the scheme in Jaipur VVNL area, where it has already been implemented.

This is issued with the approval of Chairperson.


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Copy to: All concerned.

Annexure-I

The 9th SBC meeting held on 19.12.2023 was attended by the following officers through

A. Physical Mode:

1. Sh. Brijesh Prajapati, Additional DG (Telecom), DoT, GoI, Rajasthan – Member Convener
2. Sh. Surendra Rai, DDG(Rural), DoT, GoI, Rajasthan
3. Sh. Inderjeet Singh, Commissioner (DoIT), GoR
4. Sh. Dwarka Karol, Director (Rural), DoT, GoI, Rajasthan
5. Sh. Bhuvneshwar Panwar, ADG(Rural), DoT, GoI, Rajasthan

B. Video conferencing:

1. Smt. Aparna Arora, ACS, Revenue
2. Sh. Sanjiv Mathur, Secretary, PWD
3. Sh. Ravi Jain, Secretary & Commissioner, Panchayati Raj
4. Sh. Hridesh Kumar Sharma, Director, LSG
5. Sh. Sudhir Kumar Sharma, MD, RIICO
6. Sh. R. N. Kumawat, MD, JVVNL
7. Sh. Avdhesh Singh, Joint secretary, UDH
8. Ms Shikha Mehra, APCCF (FCA), Forest
9. Sh. Sanjay Kumar, CGM, BSNL, Rajasthan - Special Invitee
10. Sh. Harpreet Kainth, Representative from DIPA- Special Invitee
11. Sh. Dhananjay, Representative of COAI- Special Invitee