

MINUTES OF THE 8th MEETING OF STATE LEVEL BROADBAND COMMITTEE HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE CHIEF SECRETARY, MINECO ON 12.08.2025 (TUESDAY) AT 11:00 AM:

The meeting was chaired by Shri Sudhir Kumar, IAS, I/c-Chief Secretary, Government of Mizoram. The list of members present is attached at Annexure-I.

- I. The Chairman welcomed all members, including online participants, to the eighth meeting of the State Broadband Committee (8th SBC); and Shri. Amit Sharma, IAS, Secretary, ICT Department, Govt of Mizoram, briefed the meeting about the agenda and the purpose for convening the State Broadband Committee meeting.
- II. At the Chairman's request, Dr. S.K. Samanta, DDG, DoT, delivered a comprehensive presentation detailing the current status of the state broadband network. The presentation covered key targets established for the state, provided updates on ongoing projects under the Department of Telecommunications in Mizoram, and outlined the major issues and challenges encountered. Additionally, Dr. Samanta highlighted areas where further support is necessary to achieve the objectives set for state connectivity. Some of the important points highlighted in the presentation are as follows:

Mizoram demographic and telecom profile:

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| a. Projected population (as per census projection) | = 12,52,000 |
| b. Total villages count | = 867 |
| c. Total villages covered | = 769 |
| d. % Covered village | = 90 % |
| e. Total fiber length in the State | = 6706 Kms |
| f. Tele-density (May 2023) | =113.78 |

Mobile BTSs fiberized details:

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| a. Number of BTSs in the state | = 4415 |
| b. Number of BTS connected on fiber | = 1914 |
| c. % of BTS connected on fiber | = 44 % |

Tower Density:

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| a. Number of Sites/Tower locations | = 1365 |
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- III. The Committee deliberated on the following points:

1. **Review of 7th SBC meeting:**

The action points from the 7th SBC meeting were reviewed and found that actions have been taken in time by various stakeholders and agencies as listed below. The Chairman thanked all the stakeholders for their contribution toward the improvement of telecommunication in the state.

S/N	Action points/issues	Action taken
1	5G Roll out	<i>Notification for adoption of Central RoW Rules 2024 was issued by the State Government on 23rd July 2025, in which OFC and 5G applications module were incorporated in the RoW Portal.</i>
2	RoW policy alignment	<i>Notification for adoption of Central RoW Rules 2024 was issued by the State Government on 23rd July 2025.</i>
3	Usage of CBuD portal/App:	<i>As decided by the 7th SBC meeting, ICT department had issued a letter to all Administrative Heads under the Govt. of Mizoram on 7th July 2025 for the onboarding and usage of CBuD portal/app.</i>
4	Digital Communication Readiness Index (DCRI).	<i>As decided by the 7th SBC meeting, ICT department had issued a letter to 'stakeholders Administrative Heads' on 22nd July 2025 for the appointment of Single Point of Contact (SPOC) for DCRI.</i> <i>Further, Chief Informatics Officer (CIO), ICT dept., was also designated as State Nodal Officer for DCRI, Mizoram by the State Government on 22nd July 2025.</i>
5	Review of BharatNet progress & utilization.	<i>A follow-up review meeting was convened by ICT department on 24th June 2025 and letter was also sent to General Manager, BharatNet, O/o CGTM, Shillong by ICT department on 21st July 2025.</i> <i>A follow-up joint meeting with BSNL and BBNL was also convened by the CIO, ICT department on 2nd July 2025.</i>
6	Creation of OFC Network under SASCI.	<i>The selection of Central PSUs owned by Govt. of India for the implementing agency (IA) of MFGN project was done by the Selection Committee on 6th June 2025. A letter of Intent was also issued to the selected firm on 13th June 2025; hence, signing of the 'Agreement' and issue of 'Work Order' are in process.</i>
7	Review of 4G Saturation project.	<i>4G Saturation project follow-up meeting was convened by ICT department on 14th June 2025, moreover, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Mamit was requested to intervene for the issues at Zopui Village and DC Lawngtlai was also requested to look into the issues for Chotabokhali, Hlimzawl and Peglababsora on 27th June 2025.</i>
7	Issues of DIPA/COAI	<i>ICT Department had issued DO letter to Commissioner & Secretary, RD&AD Dept., regarding theft prevention and BDO engagement, and awareness campaign.</i>

2. 5G Roll out and policy alignment:

The meeting was informed that a notification was issued by the Govt. of Mizoram on 23rd July 2025 for the adoption of the Telecommunications (Right of Way) Rules, 2024, in which OFC and 5G applications module were incorporated in the Central RoW Portal. Furthermore, as decided in the previous meeting, the prescribed proforma for GIS mapping of street furniture has been provided by DDG, NE LSA, GoI to MIRSAC Mizoram (*under P&PI Dept. GoM*) and uploading of data is awaited.

ACTION: ICT / MIRSAC / DDG, DoT.

3. CEIR-CCTNS integration and onboarding State Police to CMS portal for effective monitoring and minimising cybercrime and financial fraud:

Dr. S.K. Samanta, DDG (SC), DoT, reported to the meeting that the system integrator (SI) for CEIR-CCTNS integration has been finalised; he further reported that implementation methodologies for onboarding of State Police need to be finalised and expedited by the Police and may be taken up by the concern Apex Committee of the Home department.

ACTION: DDG, DoT.

4. Review of BharatNet progress & utilisation.

The status of BharatNet progress and implementation reported in the meeting are:

BharatNet Phase-I	BharatNet Phase-II
▪ OLTs installed/ commissioned - 27 ▪ GPs put in service. - 41 ▪ Lunglei - 17 ▪ Serchhip - 23 ▪ Kolasib -1	▪ In BharatNet-II the GP/VC connected with VSAT of 10 Mbps. ▪ No of GP/VC - 500 ▪ Installed - 499 ▪ Sites up as on date - 129

The state government has taken efforts to expedite the implementation of BharatNet by the IA, for which a review meeting was convened by ICT department on 24th June 2025 and letter was also sent to General Manager, BharatNet, O/o CGTM, Shillong by ICT department on 21st July 2025; A follow-up joint meeting with BSNL and BBNL was also convened by the CIO, ICT department on 2nd July 2025. Further, for the safe custody of VSAT under the Bharat Net project and better utilisation of its service, a DO letter has been sent to the Commissioner & Secretary, RD&AD by ICT department.

The committee further decided that a separate meeting to review the progress and way forward of the project be convened by ICT department along with IA and stakeholders' organization at an early date.

ACTION: DDG, DoT / BBNL / ICT.

5. Review of the progress of MFGN under SASCE for building OFC network along electric poles (OPGW and ADSS) to connect Districts and Blocks:

The meeting was informed that the project envisages to connect all the Districts of Mizoram by OFC along the high-tension line through MFGN project. The selection for Implementing Agency of MFGN was done by the Selection Committee on 6th June 2025 and a letter of intent (LoI) was also issued to the selected firm on 13th June 2025. Law & Judicial department had recently vetted the agreement. The meeting requested ICT Department to expediate the project.

ACTION: ICT.

6. Preparation of DPR for connecting all uncovered Blocks on OFC.

Dr. S.K. Samanta, DDG (SC), DoT, reported to the committee that Administrator DBN requested the Chief Secretary, Mizoram, to prepare a DPR for connecting all uncovered BHQ on OFC for funding by GoI/DONER; The meeting was also informed that ICT department has taken up the matter and a meeting with stakeholders organisations was held on 2nd July 2025; and a DPR for Intermediate Network Connectivity, i.e. establishment of OFC connectivity from District to Block has been prepared by ICT Department and is expected to be completed by end of August 2025.

ACTION: ICT.

7. Review of 4G Saturation project:

It was reported in the meeting that 4G BTS were commissioned/on-air by BSNL at 16 sites/villages. (i.e. *Chekawn, Chengkawllui, Damdiai, Diplibagh, Gurusora, Hmunpui, Hmuntlang, Kalapani, Khualen, Lamherh, N Sabual, Palenosora, Tablabagh, Tawizo, Tiperaghat-II, Udalthana-I*).

The meeting also discussed the road connectivity issues at 2 (two) villages i.e., Zopui in Mamit District and Hlimzawl, Lawngtlai District; for which a meeting was earlier convened by ICT department on 14.06.2025 and appropriate communications were sent to DC Mamit for Zopui Village and DC Lawngtlai for Chotabokoli, Hlimzawl and Peglabasora on 27th June 2025. Hence, the meeting resolved that ICT department may convene a review meeting with IA and stakeholders' organisations.

With regard to the coordinates of villages listed in LGDs, it has been learnt that O/o DDG, DoT maintains master database of 867 villages in the State, but coordinates of some villages were not available with them, for which DDG DoT has been seeking the required coordinates from MIRSAC, and the meeting also suggested to DDG, DoT to review the list of uncovered village and uninhabited list of villages in their record.

ACTION: ICT / DDG DoT / MIRSAC.

8. Broadband Internet connectivity (using 4G) to all schools and PHCs in villages as per National Broadband Mission (NBM) 2.0:

Dr. S.K. Samanta, DDG (SC), DoT, informed the meeting and briefed about the provision of Broadband Internet connectivity (using 4G) to all Schools and PHCs in

villages as per NBM-2.0, and he expressed the requirement of village wise list of Schools with address and location with its coordinates and village wise list of PHCs with address and location with its coordinates; the meeting suggested that DDG (SC), DoT may approach the concern state department for provision of the required information.

ACTION: DDG DoT

9. Mobile Network connectivity along the Railway routes and in all Railway Station under Mizoram:

DDG (SC), DoT, reported that there is no mobile 4G/5G coverage from any TSP at Kawnpui Railway Station, (Lat/Long -23.99547, 92.64532) and Hartoki Railway Station (Lat/Long - 24.07806, 92.62956); further, no TSP has a plan for 4G coverage at Kawnpui Railway Station. The meeting suggested that DDG DoT may initiate to perform a drive test with TSPs at the said locations to ensure the availability of mobile coverage in the said railway stations, for further action.

ACTION: DDG DoT / TSPs

10. Issues of DIPA & COAI:

The representatives of DIPA and COAI highlighted the need for appointment of Nodal Officer for RoW by the State to act as a single point of contact for issues with the RoW portal etc., The chairman requested all TSPs to send all issues to the Secretary, ICT department so that appropriate action can be taken.

ACTION: All TSPs/ICT.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.

Sd/- SUDHIR KUMAR, IAS

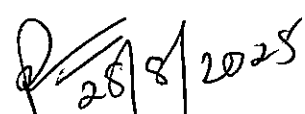
I/c-Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Mizoram
& Chairman, State Broadband Committee

Memo No. D-13011/1/2025-ICT :

Aizawl, the 28th August, 2025

Copy to:

1. P.S to the Hon'ble Minister, Department of ICT for information
2. Sr. P.P.S to the Chief Secretary, Govt. of Mizoram for information
3. Chief Informatics Officer, Department of ICT for information
4. All Deputy Commissioners/Chairman DLTC for information
5. All members concerned
6. Guard File


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ATTENDANCE

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