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Subject: Meeting held on 19.05.2023 to review of Digital Infrastructure deployment-related issues for Southern and Western States: Minutes of Meeting regarding

Please refer to Meeting held on 19.05.2023 to review Digital Infrastructure deployment-related issues

2. In this regard, Minutes of Meeting is enclosed for information and necessary action please.


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Enclosure: As above

To

1. Shri K Rajaraman, Secretary Telecom
2. Shri Alok Agarwal, Director General, Telecom
3. IT Secretaries and Heads of Organisations from states/UT of Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Dadra Nagar Haveli and Daman Diu, Goa, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Puducherry, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana through online meeting
4. LSAs Head of DoT Field units
5. Shri Neeraj Kumar – DDG (Broadband Mission)
6. Shri Amit Kumar Chauhan- Director (Broadband Mission)
7. Representative of COAI
8. Representative of DIPA

Subject: Meeting with South-West Zone states/ UTs (15 states/ UTs) held on 19.05.2023 to review of Digital Infrastructure deployment related issues
- Minutes of Meeting

A meeting was held with the state of South-West state/UTs and field units of DoT on 19th May 23, to review the Digital Infrastructure deployment related issues. The meeting was chaired by the Secretary (Telecom). DG(T), DDG (Broadband Mission) and senior officers from the states/UT of Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Dadra Nagar Haveli and Daman Diu, Goa, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Puducherry, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana attended the meeting. Members from COAI and DIPA also attended the meeting.

Addressing the meeting, Telecom (Secretary) appreciated the efforts of States/UTs in adopting Amended RoW policy. He suggested to undertake MoHUA guidelines into state policy and pilot projects for 5G use cases. He further suggested the IT secretary to review RoW pendency regularly.

Following issues discussed/ deliberated in the meeting with states/ UTs:

1. 5G rollout issues:

- a. State Policy alignment with amendment (to IT ROW rules, 2016), issued in Aug 2022, for provisioning of street furniture/poles etc.
 - b. Activating 5G Form on States' RoW Online Portal for 5G rollout
 - c. GIS mapping of Street Furniture
 - d. Fiberization of Towers
2. Incorporation of addendum to Model Building Bye Laws, 2016 (provisions for 'IN-Building Solutions' (IBS) issued by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA)

3. Review of pending ROW applications across States/UTs
4. Status of Pilot on 5G use cases, initiated by the states/ UTs

Following are the points and action to be taken by states/UTs:

1. Right of Way applications pendency to be cleared by states/ UTs-

S.No.	State / UT	RoW Applications Pendency, as on 19.05.2023	RoW application Pendency (>90 days)
1	Tamil Nadu	11146	7292
2	Rajasthan	3804	2057
3	Maharashtra	1675	1270
4	Kerala	1192	1000
5	Karnataka	775	686
6	Gujarat	320	260
7	Madhya Pradesh	235	218
8	Telangana	97	70
9	Chhattisgarh	33	29
10	Puducherry	7	04
11	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman Diu	5	03

- In Rajasthan, the issue of offline payment persists, it is requested to ensure payment be enabled through online mode only.

(Action to be taken by **Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Kerala, Karnataka, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Telangana, Chhattisgarh, Puducherry, DDNH**)

2. Status of ITRoW Policy and IBS (Building bye laws)

Sr No	State Name	RoW Policy Status	Alignment with MoHUA Policy
1	Telangana	Under process, remarks received.	Notified
2	Tamil Nadu	It is under circulation, only 4 department is pending.	Pending with law department, will be done soon.

3	Rajasthan	Notified	Notified
4	Puducherry	Notified	Notified
5	Odisha	Pending for govt. approval. It will take another approx. one-week time for cabinet approval	Under process, no timeline given.
6	Maharashtra	Notified	Notified
7	Madhya Pradesh	Policy is approved, it will be notified soon.	It is under process, UD dept. has approved. It will be finalised soon
8	Lakshadweep	Covered under existing policy	It is under process and expected to come is a month
9	Kerala	Under cabinet approval	Notified
10	Karnataka	Under process. Requires some time as new govt. is formed in the state	Under process. Requires some time as new govt. is formed in the state
11	Gujarat	Under process, draft submitted to government	Under process, it is to be finalised in 15 days
12	Goa	Notified	Notified
13	DDNH	Submitted for final approval, it is expected to be finalised in 10 days	Submitted for final approval, it is expected to be finalised in 10 days
14	Chhattisgarh	Under process, pending for cabinet approval	It is finalised and pending for state approval
15	Andhra Pradesh	Minister approval is pending, expected to be confirmed in a week	Notified

i. Adoption/implementation of India telegraph right of way (Amendment) rules 2016

(Action to be taken by **Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Kerala, Karnataka, Gujarat, DDNH, Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh**)

- ii. Incorporation of provisions of Addendum to Model Building bye laws issued by MoHUA (Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs)

(Action to be taken by **Tamil Nadu, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Lakshadweep, Karnataka, Gujarat, DDNH and Chhattisgarh**)
- 3. Adoption/ implementation of provision the "Deemed approval" clause State/ UT RoW Policy

(Action to be taken by **Dadra Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu**)
- 4. Implementation of Deemed Approval in state/ UT RoW portal.

(Action to be taken by **Goa, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Dadra Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu**)
- 5. Mapping of street furniture (Electric Poles, Traffic Light Poles, Bus shelter, Government Building, Street Lights, Billboards etc) to be done by states/ UTs.

(Action to be taken by **Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Dadra Nagar Haveli and Daman Diu, Goa, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Puducherry, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana**)
- 6. COAI/ DIPA requested support from States/ UTs-
 - a. Property tax and convenience fee for usage of the portal may be reduced.(**Action by:** Tamil Nadu)
 - b. Telangana Govt. is requested to rationalise RoW charges of tower, small cells.(**Action by:** Telangana)

- c. Rajasthan Govt. is requested to rationalise pole charge Rs. 1000/ pole and issue of sealing of site on public issue and EB delayed connection at telecom site may be resolved. **(Action by: Rajasthan)**
- d. Puducherry is requested to support the provision of regularisation in the new policy. **(Action by: Puducherry)**
- e. In Odisha, theft cases are rampant, it is requested to provide safeguard to the telecom assets and ensure legal action to be taken against the culprit. Sec. T directed industry to share such details to LSA and LSA will discuss with the state. In addition, the charge of using a common duct is high. Sec. T directed to follow common tariffs. **(Action by: Odisha)**
- f. In Maharashtra, issues of coercive action and property tax were raised. state confirmed that decision is already taken, and direction already issued to BMC. DIPA requested to share a copy of direction. **(Action by: Maharashtra)**
- g. In Kerala, issues raised related to monsoon ban, Defect Liability Period (DLP) where self-restoration is requested. Editing option on portal to be provided to applicants. **(Action by: Kerala)**
- h. In Karnataka, issues related to permission being granted for 2 years, high charges of small cells, coercive action/ sealing of sites and NOC withdrawn for public objection. **(Action by: Karnataka)**
- i. In Gujarat, issues related to multiple charges being raised by GIDC and permission being granted for only 5 years raised. **(Action by: Gujarat)**
- j. In Goa, applications being rejected due to public issues and land usage charges are increasing every year. **(Action by: Goa)**
- k. In Chhattisgarh, local bodies are charging administrative charges at a higher rate, with renewal fee and sharing fee. **(Action by: Chattisgarh)**

- I. In Andhra Pradesh, issues related to location-based restriction, applications being rejected on public complaint, and security of telecom sites raised for state support. (**Action by: Andhra Pradesh**)

In addition to this, Shri R. Srinivas updated that MoHUA will convene meetings with those states where IBS provision is not incorporated in bye-laws and ensure its implementation of policy successfully.

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.
