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**GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & COMMUNICATIONS
DEPARTMENT**

ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR

NOTIFICATION

Dated Shillong the 6th January, 2025.

No. ITC.26/2022/Vol-I/77 - The Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to adopt the Telecommunications (Right of Way) Rules 2024 of the Department of Telecommunications, Government of India for the establishment, operation and maintenance of underground and over ground Telecom Network in public and private properties. The Telecommunications (Right of Way) Rules 2024 has come into effect from 01.01.2025.

In view of the above, the current Meghalaya Telecom Infrastructure Policy (Amendment) 2024 Policy is de-notified, except for the following sections that shall be retained and read along with Telecom (Right of Way) Rules 2024 (copy enclosed):

- i. Retained Section 2 to Section 7 of Meghalaya Telecom Infrastructure Policy (Amendment) 2024- Regarding State Level Institutional Mechanism notified, prior to 2024, to facilitate sound decision-making & responsive action in telecom matters, which are reproduced in italics below:

STATE LEVEL INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISM

- (2) To ensure sound decision making and responsive action, the Government of Meghalaya has set up an institutional mechanism by notifying and constituting the committees which are mentioned below along with their brief functions:*

State Broadband Committee (SBC)

- (3) Aimed at the effective implementation of the National Broadband Mission and proliferation of broadband in the State, the Government of Meghalaya constituted the State Broadband Committee (SBC), chaired by the Chief Secretary, Government of Meghalaya. The objective of the SBC is to advice, either suo-moto or on a request from the Governing Council chaired by Hon'ble Minister of Communications, Government of India, or the Steering Committee, chaired by Secretary, Department of Telecommunications, on the matters relating to accomplishment of the objectives of the National Broadband Mission concerning the State.*
- (4) The SBC also prepares State level guidelines, monitors, reviews and oversees the implementation of National Broadband Mission, aimed at providing Broadband for All in the State.*

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Working Committee

- (5) *Under the State Broadband Committee (SBC), a State level Working Committee has been constituted, chaired by the Head of the Information Technology & Communications (IT&C) Department, Government of Meghalaya, also as State Nodal Officer as defined in this Policy.*
- (6) *The key role of the Working Committee is to prepare the ground work for the SBC which includes initiatives such as drafting the Amendment to the Meghalaya Telecom Infrastructure Policy from time to time, and to take appropriate measures to achieve the objectives devised by SBC.*

District Level Digital Connectivity Monitoring Committee

- (7) *At the District levels, a District Level Digital Connectivity Monitoring Committee (DLDCMC) is constituted and chaired by the respective Deputy Commissioners. The DLDCMC reviews and monitors the implementation of the Broadband and telecom infrastructure projects in the District.*

- ii. Retained Section 8 of Meghalaya Telecom Infrastructure Policy (Amendment) 2024 - Regarding State Nodal Department and State Nodal Officer nominated, prior to 2024, to facilitate Telecom Policy implementation, reproduced in italics below, has been retained:

NODAL DEPARTMENT

- (8) *For facilitation in the implementation of this Policy the IT&C Department shall be Nodal Department. The Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary/ Commissioner & Secretary/ Secretary whoever is in-charge of the Information Technology & Communications Department shall be the Nodal Officer.*

- iii. Retained Section 9 of Meghalaya Telecom Infrastructure Policy (Amendment) 2024 – Regarding the Local Authority / Local Authorities for the purpose of giving the permission/ intimation/ coordination for setting up of Telecom infrastructure. The Local Authority shall be known as **Public Entity** as per the new Telecommunication (ROW) Rules, 2024 and their details & area of jurisdiction shall be as follows:

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Sr.	Area	Urban/Rural	Department	Public Entity
1	Municipality Area	Urban	Urban Affairs Department	Chief Executive Officer/ Executive Officer
2	Private properties including land / buildings in Revenue Paying Estates and outside Municipality Area	Both	-	Deputy Commissioner
3	State Government owned property including land / buildings lying outside Municipality Area or Forest Area	Both		Deputy Commissioner
4	Forest land (* to be applied through Parivesh portal)	Urban & Rural	Forest & Environment Department	Divisional Forest Officer (Territorial)
5	State Road	Urban & Rural	PWD (Roads)	Executive Engineer (EE)
6	Overhead on electricity tower/ poles	Urban & Rural	MeECL, MePDCL	Superintending Engineer (SE) / Executive Engineer (EE)

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iv. **Retained SCHEDULE III: COMPENSATION of Meghalaya Telecom Infrastructure Policy (Amendment) 2024.**

As per the Telecommunications (Right of Way) Rules, 2024, Section 9 (2) (b), Compensation for Right of Way, "*for Establishment of over ground Telecommunication Network, where the establishment of the telecommunication network renders the public property unlikely to be used for any other purpose, compensation for the value of the property, either once or annually, assessed on such rates as that public entity may by general order.*" In view of this, SCHEDULE III of the Meghalaya Telecom Infrastructure Policy (Amendment) 2024, reproduced in italics below, has been retained:

Sr.	Particulars	Urban areas (₹)	Rural areas (₹)
(i)	<i>Land usage compensation for Ground Based Towers for 5 years, applicable to State Govt. land only</i>	<i>500 per sq. ft.</i>	<i>250 per sq. ft.</i>
(ii)	<i>Roof top usage compensation for Roof Top Towers for 5 years, applicable to State Govt. buildings only</i>	<i>800 per sq. ft.</i>	<i>400 per sq. ft.</i>



(Pravin Bakshi, IAS)

Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya,
Information Technology & Communications Department.

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Copy to :-

1. P.S to Chief Minister for favour of kind information of the Chief Minister.
2. P.S to Deputy Chief Minister for favour of kind information of the Deputy Chief Minister.
3. P.S. to Chief Secretary for kind information of the Chief Secretary.
4. Addl. Director General (T), NELSA, DOT, GOI & Member/Convener, SBC NE-I, III-floor, CTO BSNL Building, Shillong.
5. P.A to all Principal Secretary/Commissioner & Secretary/Secretaries to the Govt. of Meghalaya for favour of kind information.
6. All Deputy Commissioners.
7. All Deputy Commissioner and Chairman District Level Digital Connectivity Monitoring Committee (DLDCMC),
8. All District Nodal Officer District Level Digital Connectivity Monitoring Committee (DLDCMC),
9. Principal Chief Conservator of Forest & Environment.
10. Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, C & R.D Department.
11. Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Tourism Department.
12. The Chairman cum Managing Director, MeECL.
13. Director of Directorate of Information Technology & Communications, Meghalaya, Shillong.
14. Director of Information & Public Relations, Meghalaya, Shillong.
15. Director of Printing & Stationeries, Meghalaya, Shillong for publication in the Official Gazette.
16. Secretary, PWD (R&B), Government of Meghalaya and State Level Nodal Officer, CBuD.
17. The Chief Engineer, P.W.D (Roads).
18. The Chief Engineer, P.W.D (NH).
19. All CEOs/Eos, Municipals under Urban Affairs Department Govt. of Meghalaya.
20. All Divisional Forest Officer (Territorial), Meghalaya, Shillong.
21. All Executive Engineer, P.W.D (Roads), PWD Department, Govt. of Meghalaya.
22. All Superintendent Engineer/ Executive Engineer, MeECL/MePDCL, under Power Department, Govt. of Meghalaya.
23. All Department Nodal Officer, CBUD, Govt. of Meghalaya.
24. All Nodal Officers of TSPs and IPs.
25. All Administrative Department.
26. The DG/Chairman of Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI) contact@coai.in.
27. The Chairman, of Digital Infrastructure Providers Association (DIPA) dgl@dipa.co.in.
28. Director, Meghalaya Urban Development Authority (MUDA), Govt of Meghalaya.
29. Director (Distribution), MePDCL.
30. Director (T), MePTCL.
31. DDG (Rural) NE LSA DoT -GoI, Shillong.
32. The CGM, BSNL NE-I Circle, CTO, Building Shillong.
33. Nodal Officer from BHL (Airtel)/ Reliance Jio/ Vodafone - Idea Limited.
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By Order etc.,


Joint Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya,
Information Technology & Communications Department.