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1. Principal Secretary, Urban Planning cum Finance, Chandigarh Administration
2. Chief Administrator, Chandigarh Administration
3. Principal Secretary, Environment & Forests, Chandigarh Administration
4. Principal Secretary, Engineering, Chandigarh Administration
5. Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh
6. Estate Officer, Chandigarh UT
7. Chief Executive Officer, Chandigarh Housing Board, Chandigarh UT
8. Special Secretary, Finance, Chandigarh Administration
9. Additional District Magistrate, Chandigarh UT
10. Chief Engineer, Chandigarh Administration
11. Chief Architect, Chandigarh Administration
12. Sr. DDG, Punjab LSA
13. Head SeMT/CTO-SPIC, Chandigarh
14. Director General, TAIPA, New Delhi
15. Director General, COAI, New Delhi
16. Representative of M/s Bharti Airtel Limited
17. Representative of M/s Vodafone Idea Limited
18. Representative of M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited

Subject: Minutes of the first meeting of "State Broadband Committee".

A copy of minutes of the first meeting of "State Broadband Committee" held on 16.09.2020 at 11:00 AM held under the chairmanship of Sh. Manoj Parida, Adviser to the Administrator, UT of Chandigarh regarding alignment of Chandigarh RoW policy with Indian Telegraph RoW Rules 2016 is enclosed herewith for your kind information and further necessary action please.

**Director, Information Technology,
Chandigarh Administration**

Encl: as above

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**Director, Information Technology,
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Minutes of the 1st meeting of "State Broadband Committee" held on 16.09.2020 at 11:00 AM held under the chairmanship of Sh. Manoj Parida, Adviser to the Administrator, UT of Chandigarh.

The following were present:

1. Sh. Arun Kumar Gupta, IAS, Principal Secretary, Home and Finance, Chandigarh Administration.
2. Sh. Kamal Kishor Yadav, IAS, Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh Estate Officer, Chandigarh
3. Sh. Yashpal Garg, IAS, CEO, Chandigarh Housing Board
4. Sh. Vinod P Kavle, IAS, Secretary, Information Technology, Chandigarh Administration.
5. Ms. Nazuk Kumar, IAS, Director, Information Technology, Chandigarh Administration.
6. Sh. Manish Kumar Lohan, Assistant Estate Officer, Estate Office, Chandigarh UT.
7. Sh. Mukesh Anand, Chief Engineer, Engineering Deptt., Chandigarh Administration.
8. Sh. Kapil Setia, Chief Architect, Urban Planning Deptt., Chandigarh Administration
9. Sh. Manoj Kumar Singh, DDG (rural), DoT Mohali through VC
10. Sh. Anil K Prashar, Head SeMT, DoIT, Chandigarh Administration through VC
11. Sh. Yudhishtira Sapru, Pr. SM DoIT, Chandigarh Administration
12. Ms. Roma Marwaha, DTP, Urban Planning Deptt., Chandigarh Administration.
13. Sh. T.R. Dua, DG TAIPA, New Delhi through VC along with the representatives from Indus towers, ATC towers, Tower Vision and Ascend Telecom towers
14. Sh. J Jena, DDG, COAI, New Delhi through VC along with the representatives from Vodafone Idea Limited and Airtel Limited.
15. Sh. Y.S. Bains, President, Reliance Jio, Chandigarh

At outset the Chairman welcomed those present. Thereafter, Director, Information Technology gave a brief presentation regarding alignment of Chandigarh RoW policy with Indian Telegraph RoW Rules 2016.

During the course of the meeting, representatives of TAIPA and COAI along with telecom and infrastructure companies raised their issues and also provided their views in this regard. Representatives of the concerned stakeholder departments also presented their views.

After detailed discussions the following was agreed upon:-

1. Chandigarh shall adopt in-principle the Indian Telegraph RoW Rules 2016, notified by Govt. of India. Detailed guidelines will be issued on the following:-
 - i. A common policy for over ground and underground infrastructure
 - ii. One-time fees to meet the administrative expenses wrt permission of Rs. 10,000/- for over ground infrastructure and Rs.1000/- per km for underground infrastructure.
 - iii. Single window clearance
 - iv. Online portal
 - v. Deemed approval
 - vi. Permission to be co-terminus with DoT license issued by Government of India / TRAI
 - vii. Cell on Wheels.
 - viii. Towers to be shared.
2. A committee under the Chairmanship of Special Secretary Finance shall be constituted with the following members:
 - a. Director, Information Technology
 - b. Chief Engineer, Municipal Corporation
 - c. Chief Engineer, Chandigarh Administration
 - d. Assistant Estate Officer

This committee shall study the rates, models/practices, prevalent in neighbouring States and UTs (E.g.- Gurgaon Model) and also requirements of the Government of India in reference to Indian Telegraph Right of Way Rules, 2016 and propose the following charges:

- Annual rent where Govt land is being used to lay the infrastructure
- Annual user fee for underground cable
- Restoration charges for underground cable
- Clause for periodic revision of above rates

The committee shall submit its report in a week's time to the Secretary Information Technology.

3. The appropriate authority for applications pertaining to permissions and matters related to RoW shall be the Additional District Magistrate, UT Chandigarh. The ADM shall act as a single point of contact for telecom operators and infrastructure providers w.r.t. their applications. He/She shall coordinate with all the departments for expediting application processing. Online portal shall facilitate seamless sharing of information among the departments / agencies involved.
4. Further, in order to address the grievance and disputes arising out of the policy and actions undertaken by enforcement agencies, Additional District Magistrate shall be the appropriate authority. Adviser to the Administrator shall be the Appellate Authority. Appeal against the orders of the Advisor to the Administrator shall lie to Government of India as per the provisions of RoW rules of 2016.
5. Department of Engineering shall introduce a Tatkal scheme for providing priority electricity to the towers and also handling of issues of power cuts.
6. Chief Architect to undertake a fresh survey to identify sites/locations for mobile towers, keeping in mind current and future demand for telecom and broadband services. This master list of permissible sites to be submitted to Office of Advisor in 15 days. This list shall also be made available online for the information of all.
7. A committee under the chairmanship of Pr. / Secretary Urban Planning and comprising of Chief Engineer, Chandigarh Administration, Chief Engineer, MCC, Chief Engineer, Chandigarh Housing Board and Chief Architect, shall explore the possibility of laying of common duct for various utility services including telecom OFC. The committee shall also propose modalities for 'Inform before you Dig' policy to minimize issues of fibre cutting.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.