

GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA
DIRECTORATE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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Dated November 2020

Subject: - Record note of the 1st meeting of State Broadband Committee of Tripura held on 6th November, 2020 at 05:00 PM.

1st meeting of State Broadband Committee of Tripura constituted vide Memo No.F.22(22))DIT/Comm/2018/Vol-I/2389-98 dated, 7th August, 2020 for effective monitoring and evaluation of the work of National Broadband Mission (NBM) in Tripura was held on 6th November, 2020 at 05:00 PM under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Govt. of Tripura. List of participants is at **Annexure-I**.

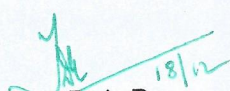
At the outset Secretary, IT, Govt. of Tripura welcomed all participants and thereafter, presentations made by i) Sr. DDG of Dept. of Telecom (DoT), Gol, North East LSA; ii) General Manager, BBNL, Tripura; iii) DDG, COAI and iv) DG TAIPA.

During meeting following discussions took place.

1. Sr. DDG DoT requested to share list of uncovered Gram Panchayat (GP) / Village Committee (VC) to cover the said areas through separate project of Govt. of India. [Action: DIT/ Panchayat]
2. Chief Secretary requested to assess the number of towers required to extend connectivity to all uncovered areas in the State. Mobile and internet should be covered across length and breadth of the State. To identify the gap, habitation wise assessment had to be carried out. [Action: NE LSA of DoT]
3. Sr. DDG DoT informed that BharatNet connectivity was extended to some GP/VC offices with free of charge for a period of 6 months and after free service period, internet connection was withdrawn from most of the GPs/VCs due to non-payment of bandwidth charges. He also requested to adopt central payment system for BharatNet connections extended to Govt. offices to avoid disconnection due to non-payment. 5 BharatNet connections would be provided free of cost to Govt. institutes for one year from each GP/VC. It was informed that BharatNet connectivity was operational in 100 GP/VC and connectivity was ready for 300 GPs/VCs. [Action: BBNL/ CSC/ Panchayat / Agriculture / ARDD / Education (Elementary/ Secondary/ Higher / SWSE)/ Forest/ Health/ I&C/ Home(Police/ Jail/ Fire)/ Revenue]

4. GM, BBNL, Tripura informed that maintenance of OLT would be done by BBNL, backhaul/ internet bandwidth would be provided by BSNL and OFC maintenance would be done by CSC. It was informed that MoU with BSNL was expired and work was going on to settle the same. He also informed that wherever BharatNet internet connection disconnected due to non payment, such connections will be revived after payment only.
[Action: BBNL/ BSNL/ CSC / Panchayat / Agriculture / ARDD / Education (Elementary/ Secondary/ Higher / SWSE)/ Forest/ Health/ I&C/ Home(Police / Jail/ Fire)/ Revenue]
5. DDG, COAI intimated that online application system was to be developed for providing Right of Way (RoW) / clearance for erection of mobile towers. He also informed that clearances from Forest Dept. took long time for erection of mobile towers. He also suggested that TSECL might be requested to allow their poles for extending telecom lines. Principal Secretary, Power requested COAI to write a letter to TSECL in this regard with proposal on cost sharing model.
[Action: COAI/ DIT/ Forest/ TSECL]
6. Chief Secretary informed that 9 roads would be built with utility duct under Agartala Smart City project. All concerned agencies were requested to utilise the said duct facilities.
[Action: ASCL/ DIT/ TSPs]
7. DG, TAIPA informed that State had issued one notification pertaining to RoW Rules 2016 wherein timeline for permission was not mentioned. He requested the State Govt to address the issue.
[Action: DIT]
8. It was requested to utilise Govt building for erection of mobile towers. If considered, one Cabinet Memo requires to be issued in this regard. Indian Building Code might be adapted to include internal telecom infrastructure in new buildings.
[Action: PWD (Buildings)/ RD / UDD]
9. It was requested to NE LSA of DoT officials to help State to assess the current state of mobile and internet coverage in Tripura and help to prepare specific roadmap for Tripura for achieving the goal set in Bharat Broadband Mission.
[Action: DIT/ NE LSA of DoT]

The meeting ended with thanks to all.


(Tanusree Deb Barma, IAS)
Secretary, IT
Government of Tripura

To
All Participants.

List of Participants:

Physically present in meeting room,

1. Shri Manoj Kumar, Chief Secretary, Govt. of Tripura
2. Shri S. R. Kumar, Principal Secretary, PWD, Power, Govt. of Tripura
3. Shri A. K Shukla, CCF (IT& Statistics), Forest, Govt. of Tripura
4. Smt. Tanusree Deb Barma, Secretary, IT, Govt. of Tripura
5. Shri Salil Das, Director, IT, Govt. of Tripura
6. Shri Manish Sahu, Director, Tripura, NE LSA, DoT Govt. of India.
7. Shri Ratnajeet Debbarma, Additional Director, Urban, Govt. of Tripura
8. Shri Uttam Podder, Jt. Director, IT
9. Shri Satyam Singh, ADET State Co-ordinator, Tripura, NE LSA, DoT Govt. of India
10. Shri Biswajit Debnath, CSC-Head, Tripura

Present in meeting through video desktop VC system:

1. Shri A. K. Sahu, Sr. DDG of Dept. of Telecom, Govt. of India, North East LSA
2. Shri P. S. Basu, GM, Bharat Broadband Network Limited(BBNL), Tripura
3. Shri T. R. Dua, DG, Tower and Infrastructure Providers of India(TAIPA)
4. Dr. J Jena, DDG, Cellular Operators Association of India(COAI)