

GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA
DIRECTORATE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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Record Note of the 3rd meeting of State Broadband Committee of Tripura held on 26th August, 2022 at 06:30 PM.

State Broadband Committee (SBC) of Tripura was 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. The National Broadband Mission has been planned with objectivity of Seamless, high-speed (Quality) and affordable broadband connectivity to all.

3rd meeting of SBC was held on 26th August, 2022 at 06:30 PM under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Govt. of Tripura. List of participants is at **Annexure - I.**

At the outset, ADG of Dept. of Telecom (DoT), NE LSA, Tripura, Govt. of India welcomed all the participants and thereafter, presentations were made by (i) DDG of DoT, NE LSA; (ii) General Manager, BSNL, Tripura; (iii) General Manager, BBNL, Tripura and (iv) Director, IT, Govt. of Tripura.

During meeting, following discussions took place:-

1. BharatNet: It was informed that out of total 1176-GPs/VCs in the State, 878-GPs/VCs were planned to cover through Optical Fiber Cable(OFC) under BharatNet Phase-I, 142-GPs/VCs were planned to cover through satellite media under BharatNet Phase-II. Remaining 156-GPs/VCs were not included in the scope of BharatNet.

Out of 878-GPs/VCs planned under Phase-I, BharatNet connectivity had been commissioned at 583-GPs/VCs by BBNL and w.e.f. 01/07/2022, Phase-I work has been handed over to BSNL. It was informed by BSNL that 614 GPs/VCs will be activated by October 2022. BSNL was requested to expedite the process and seek applications from GPs/ VCs/ Departments/ Individuals for the broadband connection through wide publicity of their plan in print/social media and follow-up meetings with concerned stakeholders.

Remaining 295-GPs/VCs are yet to be commissioned under BharatNet. There is no progress to complete these work. However, it was informed that remaining GPs/VCs will be covered through PPP model. DDG(Sr), DoT was requested to pursue the matter with DoT for early finalization.

Out of 142-GPs/VCs planned under Phase-II, BharatNet have been commissioned at all 142-GPs/VCs with 2 Mbps bandwidth. To extend last mile connectivity from these GPs/VCs, bandwidth is required to be upgraded. In this regard, State Govt. may request to Govt. of India.

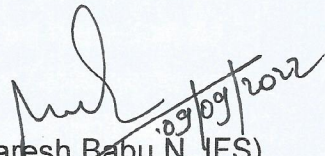
For effective monitoring of the BharatNet Project, it was requested to BBNL, Tripura to submit monthly uptime report to the Directorate of Information Technology, Govt. of Tripura.

2. **Provisioning of 4G mobile services at uncovered villages:** It was informed that Union Cabinet on 27.07.2022 has approved a project for saturation of 4G mobile services in uncovered villages. The project will be executed by BSNL and will be funded through Universal Service Obligation Fund(USOF). Targeted time for completion of this project is 500 days. Under this project, 177 nos. of mobile towers will be installed by BSNL to provide 4G mobile services to 269-uncovered villages in the State. It was informed that number of mobile towers can be increased upto 20%, after completion of final survey, if required.

BSNL requested to State Government to provide support in the following matters- (i) Appoint one Nodal Officer from IT Department for this DoT 4G Saturation Project, (ii) Issue instructions to the DMs and concerned Departments to nominate officers from State/District for accompanying BSNL/DoT officers during joint site visit being planned by BSNL at the earliest for survey of suitable sites at these locations, (iii) Issue instructions to the DMs and concerned Departments for allocation of identified technically suitable site to BSNL for installation of 4G equipments. (iv) Coordinate with the Forest Department to allot the identified technically feasible site to BSNL, in case it happens to fall under forest area. In this regard, it was decided that Director, IT will write letter to all DM & Collectors to nominate Nodal Officer and SPOC for extending necessary support to BSNL during site survey for installation of new mobile towers.

3. **Tripura Telecom Infrastructure RoW Guidelines 2022:** Govt. of Tripura has prepared a draft "Tripura Telecom Infrastructure RoW Guidelines 2022", which was presented at the meeting. It was decided that the said guidelines shall be updated and finalized early based on the recent release of RoW Rules amendments issued by Gol and discussions held with the important stakeholders like COAI, DIPA, etc in the meeting.

The meeting ended with thanks to all.


(Dr. Naresh Babu N, IFS)
Director, IT
Govt. of Tripura

To
All Participants.

Copy to:

1. The PS to the Chief Secretary, Govt. of Tripura for kind information to the Chief Secretary.
2. The Principal Secretary, IT, Govt. of Tripura for kind information.
3. The Secretary, Power, Govt. of Tripura for kind information.

List of Participants

Physically present:

1. Shri Jitendra Kumar Sinha, Chief Secretary, Govt. of Tripura
2. Shri Puneet Agarwal, Principal Secretary, Revenue & IT, Govt. of Tripura
3. Shri K. S. Sethi, PCCF & HoFF, Forest, Govt. of Tripura
4. Dr. Debasish Basu, Secretary, Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of Tripura
5. Shri Gitte Kirankumar Dinkarrao, Secretary, PWD, Govt. of Tripura
6. Shri Gajendra Singh, DDG(Sc), Tripura, DoT, Govt. of India
7. Dr. Naresh Babu N, Director, IT, Govt. of Tripura
8. Shri B. K. Singh, Director, Tripura, DoT, Govt. of India
9. Shri M.K. Gupta, GM, BSNL, Tripura SSA
10. Shri P.S. Basu, GM, BBNL, Tripura
11. Shri Hare Krishna Das, GM(Tech), TSECL
12. Shri R.P. Saxena, ADG, Tripura, DoT, Govt. of India
13. Shri Uttam Podder, Joint Director, IT, Govt. of Tripura
14. Shri Remrasai Mog, Sr. Informatics Officer, IT, Govt. of Tripura
15. Shri Subrata Kar, NE, BBNL, Tripura

Attended through VC system:

1. Shri K. S. Madanpuri, CGM, BSNL, NE1
2. Ms. Niti Mathur, Cellular Operators Association of India(COAI)
3. Shri Dhananjay, Digital Infrastructure Providers of India(DIPA)