

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT
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No: E 234611Dated Dispur the 31st March, 2023**Minutes of the 4th meeting of State Broadband Committee of Assam held on 14.03.2023.**

State Broadband Committee (SBC) of Assam was re-constituted under the Chairmanship of Seniormost Secretary of Information Technology Department, vide notification No. IT/71/2022-Admin-IT-IT Department 15th Feb 2023, for effective monitoring and evaluation of the work of National Broadband Mission (NBM) in Assam. The Mission has been planned with the objective of seamless, high-speed, quality and affordable broadband connectivity to all.

The 4th meeting of SBC was held on 14th March, 2023 at 10:30 AM. The meeting was chaired by Shri Syedain Abbasi, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Information Technology Department.

Following members were present in the meeting:

Govt. of Assam.	Department of Telecom, Govt. of India.	BSNL/BBNL/TSPs/DIPA/COAI
1. Shri S.Abbasi, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary IT Department.	1. Shri Manish Das, ITS, Additional DGT (I/C).	1. Shri Satyen Kr. Deka, ITS, GM (CFA), BSNL, Assam.
2. Shri Anurag Goel, IAS, Principal Secretary IT Department– (through VC).	2. Shri Pankaj Das ITS, Deputy Director General(R).	2. Shri U Sreenivas, ITS, State Head BBNL, Assam.
3. Smt. Nandita Dutta, IAS, Secretary, IT Department.	3. Shri Beeran Prajapati, ITS Director (R).	3. Shri Santosh Kumar Behera, AGM (CM), BSNL Assam.
4. Shri Dasarath Das, ACS, Joint Secretary, IT Department.	4. Naveen Thaduri ADG (Rural), (through VC).	4. Shri A. Maheshwari, CAO/KTD, BSNL, Assam.
5. Md. Parvez Amin, Director, DITEC.		5. Shri Harpreet Kainth, DIPA (through VC).
6. Shri Abdur Rezzaque Hussain, DITEC.		6. Shri Dhanunjay, COAI (through VC).
7. Managing Director, Amtron.		7. Shri Pankaj Borah, RJIL Infocom (through VC).
8. Representative from Environment & Forest Department.		
9. DCs of Karbi Anglong, West Karbi Anglong & Dima Hasao Districts– (through VC).		
10. Principal Secretaries of KAAC & DHAC–		

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(through VC).

The meeting commenced with welcome to all the participants by DoT. A detailed presentation was given by Assam LSA, DoT on the agenda of the meeting and issues to be put up before the committee. The following points were discussed/decisions taken:

1. **Review of salient points of 3rd SBC:** DoT has remarked that most of the action points of 3rd SBC were complied, and remaining points will be covered in the presentation itself.
2. **Strengthening the mechanism of DTC:** The following decisions were taken in this regard.

DoT raised the issue with regards to formation of DTC committee and regular conduction of meetings. It was decided in the meeting that the DoT LSA office will write letters to the DCs regarding formation/amendment of existing District Telecom Committee (DTC) in each District as mentioned in the "Guidelines for Granting RoW to Telecommunication Infrastructure in Assam, 2023" for holding regular DTC meetings. The letter will be given through BSNL for pursuing with DC offices. BSNL will nominate an officer for each district as member convener of DTC to assist DC in conduction of DTC meetings regularly.

(Action to be taken by BSNL/DoT)

3. **Creation of 5G Form and integration of portal for underground infrastructure.**

IT Department has informed that the following component/module will be integrated in the existing Assam RoW Portal by 30th April 2023:

- 5G Application form
- Integration of 5G application form and underground (OFC) module with Central GatiShakti Sanchar Portal
- Synchronizing with Central GatiShakti Portal regarding RoW Pendency.

(Action by IT department, Govt. of Assam)

4. **Notification of ROW Policy:**

It has been informed by IT-wing that the state ROW policy has been approved and shall be issued within a day.

(Action by IT department)

5. **Action to be taken by the State Government for extensive use of CBuD App by all departments:**

- a. A total of 245 Users have been created from 7 Departments (20 Agencies) and mapped in CBuD App.
- b. All digging agencies must be mandated by various departments of the State Govt. to do any type of digging only after prior intimation through "Call Before u Dig" App and as per its terms and conditions. – IT department has already issued instruction to all the concerned line departments.
- c. After above two activities; the States to take actions to enhance the usage of CBuD app. Excavators may be encouraged through information/encouragement and appreciation for usage or penalty/threat for not using the App.

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- d. DoT has come out with notification dated 3rd Jan 2023 reg. safety of Telecom assets which mandates use of a common portal/app (CBuD) and prescribes procedure of giving notices etc. for digging and applicable damages in case of damage to telegraph property. State may also come out with similar notification covering respective areas of Electricity, gas, water pipelines, roads, etc.

Further Chairman SBC instructed IT department to hold a meeting with all the concerned line departments to sensitize the use of CBuD which will be beneficial not only for Telecom, but also for all the line departments.

(Action by DoT and IT department).

6. BSNL 4G saturation:

- a. Status as on date:

Total Villages under Category I & II	658
Total survey done	658
Total sites proposed	378
Sites where joint survey completed	378
Media Proposed: OFC/MW/VSAT	78/252/48
Total Govt./Council sites out of 378	197
Pvt. sites	134
Forest sites	47
Govt. sites acquired out of 197	102
Pvt. sites acquired	1
Forest sites acquired out of 47	0
Forest sites applied on Parivesh portal	37
BOP/BIP sites	41
Survey completed	41
Tower proposed under BOP/BIP category	30

- b. **Forest Land Issues:** There are 47 sites under Forest Category out of which BSNL has applied in 37 sites. Representative from Forest Department informed that the applications are already been examined by Forest Department and informed that BSNL did not observe the due procedure/submit proper documentation while applying in Parivesh Portal for approval.

The Chair requested BSNL to co-ordinate with Forest Department to sort out the issues for smooth implementation of the project.

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- c. **Private Land Issues in Karbi Anglong Districts:** In East Karbi Anglong and West Karbi Anglong Districts, there are 115 sites for which, Diphu Council had issued letter to BSNL regarding non-availability of Govt. land in these areas, and BSNL has to acquire private lands as per their requirement. In this context BSNL after contacting private land owners found that these lands are allotted on Annual Patta modes for which signing land agreement with private party for long period is not happening. In this Context the Chairman requested ADC, East Karbi Anglong to conduct a meeting with all the stakeholders to resolve the issue. One letter from IT Department to Principal Secretary, KAAC Council in this context will be issued.
- d. **APDCL Issues:** There are nearly 60 sites under USOF 4G Saturation Project in which Electricity is not available in the nearby location of the Proposed Site. The Chairman requested DoT and BSNL to meet with MD, APDCL and discuss the same.

(Actions by BSNL/IT department/Forest Deptt./DoT)

7. BharatNet:

- a. Out of 1640 GPs which were declared Service Ready, more than 900 GPs are down due to OFC damages which are not easy to restore and maintain in the present condition of Village Roads & ongoing JJM & other works. DoT has requested the state Govt. to allow BSNL (responsible for Operation & Maintenance of BharatNet Network) to use of APDCL Pole alignment for laying BharatNet O/H OFC for restoration of the GPs wherever required (with DoT's certification) under a blanket permission under the existing Tripartite MoU free of cost in the state. The State govt. IT-Department has agreed for the same and informed that one letter has been already issued to the APDCL, but reply is awaited from APDCL.
- b. BBNL State Head requested the State Govt. to ensure provision / restoration of Electricity Connections in the GPs – As many as 184 GPs are not having Electric Connection and in 83 GPs the Electricity have been disconnected. The list has been already supplied by BBNL to the Secy-IT. The chairman instructed DoT and BSNL/BBNL to meet with MD, APDCL & P&RD to discuss the same.
- c. **BSNL** to share the detailed GIS map of their underground OFC network laid under Bharatnet Phase-I for connecting 1640 GPs and also plan for proposed overhead OFC network to be set using APDCL poles to connect the GPS

8. Issues of DIPA/COAI:

- a. DIPA/COAI raised the issue of theft of Telecom equipment in Assam. It was decided in the meeting that IT department will issue necessary instruction to DCs where majority cases are there for safety. .

(Action by IT department)

- b. Regarding additional demand note given by Gram Panchayats it was decided that matter would be discussed with concerned DCs.

(Action by IT department).

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c. APDCL issues:

- a. APDCL to ensure faster implementation of smart meters in telecom installations based on suitability.

(Action by APDCL)

9. Issues of RJIL:

a. Status of the Project work:

SL	Milestone	Category	Scope	Done	BTG	Issues	Clear Front	Remarks
1	Survey Done	Village	691	691	0			Deletion request raised for issue sites (17 nos.:13 cases-Access+4 cases Villagers issues)./ Media plan: OFC-1, VSAT-14 & MW-Rest. All Balance Work, excluding the Site issue cases, are targeted to be completed within 30 th Apr-2023.
2	Coverage	Village	691	368	0			
3	No Coverage	Village		323	0			
4	Submitted to USOF	Village	323	323	0			
5	Survey Approved (Non Coverage)	Village	323	323	0			
6	Survey Approved (Non Coverage)	eNB	239	239	0			
7	RFC(Site Acquisition)	eNB	239	230	9	8	1	
8	RFE1 (Infra Readiness)	eNB	230	157	73	9	64	
9	RFE1 (Media Readiness)	eNB	157	138	19	0	19	
10	RFS(On Air)	eNB	138	128	10	0	10	
Balance Works:				111	111	17	94	

- b. **Issue sites:** M/s. RJIL has submitted the request to USOF/DoT for deletion of 17 sites due to various site issues. But, DoT LSA is not in the opinion of accepting the proposal in the first place without taking a considered view from the District administration. The Chairman has asked the District Administration of both the districts to look into the matter and resolve the issues.

- c. RJIL to take the lead and meet the District Administrations for viable ways and submit a report.

Issue Sites under 4G Mobile service in KA & DH dists

SL	Village	District	Remarks
1	N.Songkhai	Dima Hasao	Villagers Issue
2	Lhungjang	Dima Hasao	
3	Morap	Karbi Anglong	
4	Moknor	Karbi Anglong	
5	Longki Tokbi(2)	Dima Hasao	
6	Ngente	Dima Hasao	
7	Thenjol(New)	Karbi Anglong	

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8	Tuicham	Dima Hasao	Access Issue
9	Tumjanag	Dima Hasao	
10	Boro Leikek	Dima Hasao	
11	Ngalsang	Dima Hasao	
12	Saitop	Dima Hasao	
13	New Molkon	Dima Hasao	
14	Raising	Dima Hasao	
15	Phainum Vill	Karbi Anglong	
16	Lailui Vill	Karbi Anglong	
17	S.Mollen Vill	Karbi Anglong	

(Action by M/s. RJIL/ District Administration- Karbi Anglong & Dima Hasao districts)

The meeting concluded with vote of thanks by the DDG(R)/ DoT Assam LSA with positive assurance from all.

Signed by Syedain Abbasi

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(Syedain Abbasi, IAS)

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Dated: Dispur the 31st March, 2023.

Copy to:

1. The Administrator (USOF), Sanchar Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. The Mission Director- NBM, DGTHQ, New Delhi.
3. All concerned.

By Orders, etc.


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