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**GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT
ASSAM SECRETARIAT, BLOCK-C, 2nd FLOOR
DISPUR, GUWAHATI-781006**

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Dated: Dispur the 13th July, 2023.

**MINUTES OF THE 5th STATE BROADBAND COMMITTEE (SBC) & 5G WORKING COMMITTEE
(WC) MEETINGS OF ASSAM**

The 5th SBC & 5G WC meetings were held on 28th June, 2023 at 3PM. The single point agenda of the 5G Working Committee on GIS mapping of the street Furniture was also discussed.

The meeting was chaired by Additional Chief Secretary (IT) to the Govt. of Assam.

Members present is attached as Annexure I.

At the outset, the Chair welcomed all the members of SBC and 5G Working Committee and emphasised the importance of high speed Telecommunication Network to bridge the existing digital divide between the Urban and Rural population of the State and reiterated the commitment to provide 4G/5G network along the length and breadth of the State. Thereafter, Director, DITEC briefed to the committee the present Right of Way (RoW) application status for Overground and Underground. Further, 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 points discussed & decisions taken are stated as below:

1. **Review of salient points of last SBC:** DoT has remarked that most of the action points of 4th SBC were complied, and remaining points are being covered in the present deliberations.

2. **Development of Underground Module of the Assam RoW portal and integration with Central GatiShakti Portal:**

Director, DITEC informed that the Underground module has been integrated in the existing Assam RoW portal and handshaking with Central GatiShakti Sanchar Portal completed. Now, the Telecom Service Provider (TSP)/Infrastructure Provider (IP) can avail the end to end online service for installation of Overground and Underground Telecom infrastructure and the same also reflected in the Central RoW Portal.

3. **5G Form:**

The Director, DITEC informed that latest Assam RoW Guideline-2023 approved by the cabinet adopted a revenue sharing mechanism in which the revenue collected through Assam RoW Portal should be shared among the different stakeholders like- PWD, APDCL, DITEC, DoHUA etc. Due to non-availability of bank account of DITEC the 5G form integration in the Assam RoW portal is pending.

The Chair requested Director, DITEC to enquire the possibilities to use the DeGS Account of Kamrup Metro on temporary basis till DITEC manages to create its own account.

(Action by IT department, Govt. of Assam)

4. **Notification of State ROW Policy:**

The Government of Assam has Gazette published the "Guidelines for granting Right of Way to Telecommunication Infrastructure in Assam, 2023" in alignment with the RoW charges and other service specific rules of the "Indian Right of Way Rules, 2016" (as amended upto 2022).

5. **Sorting out the discrepancies in Pendency of ROW cases:**

The cases have been scrutinized and necessary actions taken for reducing the pendency numbers which yielded positive result. However, necessary action on this is being taken by DITEC for future pruning the figures.

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(Action by IT department)

6. Usage of CBuD App:

- a. Assam has shown a considerable progress in usage of CBuD App as appreciated by Govt. of India. However, to keep it up the state would instruct the concerned departments, viz., DoHUA etc. for ensuring unfailing usage of CBuD App.
- b. It was also pointed out by DoT that the state govt is also to ensure issuance of required Notification in line with the Central Govt.

(Action by IT department)

7. BSNL 4G saturation: (Status as on Date):

BSNL 4G Saturation status								
Villages as per agreement	Villages to be covered after survey	Tower proposed after survey	Category of sites			Sites acquired		
			Govt land	Pvt. land	Forest	Govt land	Pvt land	Forest
658	416	378	187	139	53	154	92	0

Forest Clearance (53 cases):

- In-principle approval received from forest department: 07 cases.
- NoC obtained from DFOs under FRA 2006: 33 nos.
- NoC pending from DFOs under FRA 2006: 13 nos. (2 Tezpur + 4 Nagaon + 4 Bongaigaon + Kamrup 1+ Jorhat 2):

The Chairman instructed the concerned DCs to resolve the issues after consultation with BSNL.

(Action by BSNL)

8. Strengthening the mechanism of DTC: The following decisions were taken in this regard:

BSNL has nominated district wise nodal officers for coordination with DC offices for regular conduction of DTC meetings. The list will be shared with the DIPA & COAI.

(Action to be taken by BSNL/DoT)

9. Bharatnet:

The BBNL State head expressed the difficulties in maintaining its OFC Network in the Rural areas due to various ongoing development works including damages caused due to flood & natural reasons and sought the help for Overhead OFC using APDCL Poles for which the matter has already been taken up by DoT Assam LSA with the State Govt/ APDCL for a blanket permission with Free RoW Charges as covered under the existing Tripartite MoU for BharatNet. APDCL's response is awaited.

(Action by IT department/APDCL)

10. Issues of RJIL:

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a. Status of the Project work:

SL	Districts	As per agreement		No. of Villages Covered	Balance Sites	Issues pending	
		No. of villages	No. of towers			Locality	Access
1	Karbi Anglong	471	358	207	9	3	6
2	Dima Hasao	220	173	93	8	1	7
Total		691	531	300	17	4	13

M/s. RJIL has reported that they have already discussed the matter with the concerned DCs for resolving the pending cases. The Chairman instructed for completion of the Project by the TSP

(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.

(Syedain Abbasi, IAS)

Addl. Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam
Information Technology Department

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Copy to:

1. The Managing Director, APDCL, Bijulee Bhawan, Paltanabazar, Guwahati-01
2. The Managing Director, Guwahati Smart City Ltd, Assam.
3. The Managing Director, AMTRON.
4. The PCCF & HoFF, Assam, O/o PCCF & HoFF, Aranya Bhawan, Panjabari, Guwahati-781037.
5. The Sr. DDG, DOT, Assam LSA.
6. The Director (R), DoT.
7. The CGM, BSNL, Pan Bazar, Guwahati-781001, Assam.
8. The State Head BBNL, Assam
9. The Principal Secretary, Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council (KAAC).
10. The Principal Secretary, Dima Hasao Autonomous Council (DHAC).
11. The Deputy Commissioner, Karbi Anglong.
12. The Deputy Commissioner, West Karbi Anglong.
13. The Deputy Commissioner, Dima Hasao.

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14. The Director, DITEC.
15. PS to the Additional Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Environment & Forest Department, for kind information of the Additional Chief Secretary.
16. PS to the Additional Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Information Technology Department, for kind information of the Additional Chief Secretary.
17. PS to the Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Power Department, for kind information of the Principal Secretary.
18. PS to the Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Panchayat & Rural Development Department, for kind information of the Principal Secretary.
19. PS to the Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Revenue & Disaster Management Department, for kind information of the Principal Secretary.
20. PS to the Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Department of Housing & Urban Affairs, for kind information of the Commissioner & Secretary.
21. PS to the Special Commissioner & Special Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Public Works (Roads) Department, for kind information of the Special Commissioner & Special Secretary.
22. PS to the Commissioner & Special Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Public Works Building & NH Department, for kind information of the Commissioner & Special Secretary.
23. PS to the Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Science & Technology Department, for kind information of the Secretary.
24. PS to the Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Information Technology Department, for kind information of the Secretary.
25. PS to the Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Industries & Commerce Department, for kind information of the Secretary.
26. PS to the Special Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Information Technology Department, for kind information of the Special Secretary.
27. The Head, SeMT.
28. Cellular Operators Association of India, (COAI).
29. Digital Infrastructure Providers Association (DIPA).
30. The Connectivity Consultant, DITEC.

By Orders, etc.
e-signed.

Additional Secretary to the Govt. of Assam,
Information Technology Department