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### **Minutes of Meeting (5<sup>th</sup> Ladakh SBC)**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the State Broadband Committee of Ladakh UT was held under the Chairmanship of Dr. Pawan Kotwal, IAS, Advisor to Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, Administration of Ladakh UT on 06.08.2024 at 03:00 PM through Hybrid mode.

2. At the outset, Sh. Sunil Kumar Lakhera, Director (Rural), J&K LSA, DoT welcomed the Chair and all the participants (List enclosed at **Annexure-I**). Sh. Khushwant Rai, Addl. DGT, J&K LSA briefed about the overview of the objectives of the National Broadband Mission (NBM). He further requested the Advisor to Hon'ble LG for his opening remarks.

3. In his address, the Advisor to the Hon'ble LG emphasized on the importance of the mobile and internet connectivity for both citizens and Government departments. The reliable internet connectivity is necessary for smooth functioning of these citizen centric services. All the stakeholders of this Ladakh Broadband committee have an additional responsibility to achieve the objective of the NBM.

4. The following agenda points were then taken-up for discussion by DDG (Rural), J&K LSA, DoT:

#### **❖ Agenda Point 1: Review of MoM of 4<sup>th</sup> SBC meeting held on 20.02.2024**

Sr No.	Agenda point	Action Taken	Remark/Decision Taken
i	Provision of Wi-Fi access point at 143 DSPT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work order released in July'24.</li> <li>Timeline: 9 months</li> </ul>	
ii	<b>RoW Policy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Incorporation of RoW Amendment Rules 2023</li> <li>High rental charges for laying of overhead cables using poles.</li> </ul>	<p>Incorporated</p> <p>Modified as per central RoW policy.</p>	Item is closed

iii	Conducting 5G Workshop	To be held at mutually agreed date with NBM in Aug-Sep'2024	To be scheduled in last week of August, 2024.
iv	Digital Communication Readiness Index (DCRI)	Data submitted for last FY. Meeting of IDCC to be held quarterly.	IDCC Meeting is to be scheduled in August, 2024.
v	Renewable Energy Through Green Energy Open Access	JERC issued the regulations on 12.02.2024.	Item closed

❖ **Agenda Point 2: RoW application Status**

Advisor to Hon'ble LG expressed his concern about the large number of rejected applications and desired that the matter of rejection may be examined by the concerned authorities so that the number of such cases may be reduced thereby increasing the number of approved cases. Further, he directed to invite DCs in the next SBC meeting for discussion on rejected cases.

**[Action by: UT Administration/DCs]**

❖ **Agenda Point 3: USOF 4G Saturation Project**

- I. **Status of land allocation:** At present there is no pendency in land allocation.
- II. **EB Connections status:**

Sr. No.	Point	Status
1	Total Connection Applied	238
2	Demand Note Issued	206
3	Payment Made	175
4	Payment under Process	31
5	Demand Note Pending	0
6	Off Grid Sites	32
7	Total Connections Provided	108

J&K LSA requested the UT administration to expedite the provision of electricity connections at the remaining 67 sites, for which payment has been made.

[Action by: PDD]

## III. Civil work status:

Foundation WIP	Tower Erection WIP	Foundation completed	Tower Erection Completed	Tower Commissioned	Tower On-Air
59	5	84	38	0	1

The Chair directed BSNL to install BTS on erected tower on priority so that the sites can be Commissioned/On-Air within working season and to expedite the execution of project on other sites as well.

[Action by: BSNL]

❖ **Agenda Point 4: Mapping of 5G Street Furniture:**

Sr. No.	Street Furniture Type	Total Count	Mapped	Shared with BISAG-N	Yet to be Shared with BISAG-N
1	Traffic Lights	Not Applicable			
2	Government Buildings	652	652	Already Shared and Mapped	
3	Bus Terminals	9	0	0	9
4	Bus Shelters/Bus Stops	10	0	0	10
5	Billboards	28	0	0	28
6	Street Lights	6274	0	597	5677
7	Electricity Poles	85297	85297	Already Shared and Mapped	

The UT administration informed that complete data for Bus Terminals, Bus Shelters/Bus Stops, and Billboards have been collected and it would be shared with BISAG-N for mapping within next two weeks.

The Chair directed to complete the mapping of street furniture by 25.08.2024.

[Action by: UT Administration]

❖ **Agenda Point 5: Call Before You Dig (CBuD) App**

- i. Total 15 departments have created their state admin users on the CBuD App out of which only 8 departments have created their state agency and remaining department are yet to create their state agency users.
- ii. The Chair desired that the concerned Contractor or Government employee shall have the primary responsibility if an inquiry on the CBuD App is not made before the beginning of excavation work otherwise there are chances of damage to public

property, and if he/she fails to do so, FIR should be lodged and the contractor must be blacklisted.

iii. J&K LSA requested to UT administration that:

- a) All the departments must create their users up to Tehsil level to fulfill the purpose of CBuD app in larger extent.
- b) Excavators to be mandated to use App through Tender conditions.
- c) Awareness among Asset Owner/Excavators to be made through Workshops.
- d) DCs must hold the timely meetings of District Level Telecom Committee (DLTC) to review of CBuD App usage.

**[Action by: UT Administration]**

❖ **Agenda Point 6: Composite Billing System:**

- i. The Ministry of Power, Government of India has released an Advisory on implementation of Composite Billing Scheme for multiple connections like TSPs dated 24.05.2023.
- ii. The representative from DIPA apprised that this scheme has already been implemented in Madhya Pradesh and a similar representation has also been sent to JERC (J&K and Ladakh UT) on 28.05.2024.
- iii. The Ladakh UT was requested to implement the Composite Billing Scheme for Multiple connections for Telecom Service Providers, Internet Service Providers, etc.
- iv. The Secretary (PDD) apprised the chair that they have recently floated a tender for billing solution in the Ladakh UT.
- v. The Chair directed Secretary (PDD) to incorporate this composite billing features in the billing solution.

**[Action by: PDD]**

❖ **Agenda Point 7: Other issues:**

**MoHUA Building Bye-Laws:** The Chair was appraised that UT has already placed it in the public domain 2-3 times and received various comments. All comments have been consolidated and will be placed soon before the Hon'ble LG for the approval.

- I. **Advisory on Common Duct and Post Infrastructure:** The Chair asked to share again the Draft guidelines regarding Common Duct and Post Infrastructure policy shared with Secretary (IT), Ladakh.

**II. BharatNet Program:**

- a) BSNL was asked to restore the 86 GPs for which 40% advance payment had already been made by the Ladakh UT. The status of 86 GPs is as under:
  - i. 38 GPs Installed and working.
  - ii. 9 GPs work in progress.
  - iii. 39 GPs Dismantled (Detailed site-wise status enclosed at **Annexure-II**).
- b) BSNL was directed to restore the remaining GPs on priority so that the effective utilization can be ensured.
- c) The Chair directed that the FIR to be lodged and action should be taken against the custodian. He directed BSNL to submit an action taken report prior to next SBC meeting.

**[Action by: BSNL]**

- III. Amended BharatNet Program:** DDG(R) briefed about the Amended BharatNet Project and informed that its Tendering process is on the way by BSNL Corporate Office.

**[Action by: BSNL]**

**IV. Shan-Shaday Site:**

- a) J&K LSA requested the chair to recommend on the relaxations sought by the RJIL for Shan Shaday village site.
- b) The Secretary (IT) apprised the Chair that IT Department has forwarded the aforesaid relaxations to the concerned DC (Kargil) for his recommendations and recently a reminder has also been sent for the same.
- c) The Chair instructed that the complete logistic support will be provided by the UT Administration but, RJIL would be responsible for bearing the all-associated costs as per the tender conditions.

**[Action by: BSNL]**

At the closing note Advisor to Hon'ble LG directed to resolve the all the issues raised in this Meeting in a time-bound manner.

The Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair

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**Copy to:** All concerned for further necessary action.

**Annexure – I****List of All Participants**

<b>Dept/Org</b>	<b>Name of Participants</b>	<b>Designation</b>
Ladakh UT	Dr. Pawan Kotwal, IAS	Advisor to Hon'ble LG, Ladakh UT
	Sh. Sanjeev Khirwar, IAS	Principal Secretary (Housing & Urban Department), Ladakh UT
	Sh. Amit Sharma IAS	Secretary (Information Technology), Ladakh UT
	Sh. Vikram Singh, IAS	Secretary PDD, Ladakh UT
	Sh. Michael M. D'Souza, IAS	Administrative Secretary (Public Works Department, R&B), Ladakh UT
	Sh. Santosh Sukhadeve, IAS,	Deputy Commissioner, Leh
	Sh. Shrikant Balasaheb Suse, IAS,	Deputy Commissioner, Kargil
	Sh. Mohit Sharma	Under Secretary PDD
	Sh. Skalzang Dawa	Project Manager, IT/Telecom (Information Technology) Ladakh UT
	Smt. Sonam Dolker	Project Manager, IT/Telecom (Information Technology) Ladakh UT
	Sh. Suyash S Atal	PMU PM GatiShakti
J&K LSA, DoT	Sh. Khushwant Rai	Addl. DGT
	Sh. Arun Kumar	DDG (Rural)
	Sh. Sunil Kumar Lakhera	Director (Rural)
	Sh. Pankaj Kumar Vaishanav	JTO (Rural)
	Sh. Sunil Bhat	JTO (Rural)
BSNL	Sh. Saurabh Tyagi, CGM BSNL	CGM BSNL, J&K Circle
	Sh. Kush Kumar	PGM (Mobile), BSNL, J&K Circle
	Sh. Hariom Solanki	GM, BSNL, Leh Circle
COAI	Sh. Deepak Gupta	Manager
DIPA	Sh. Raman Srivastav	General Manager

**Annexure-II****Details of the Dismantled Vsats**

S. No	District	Name of the Block	Name of the Gram Panchayat	VSAT handed over by agency to Department or Sarpanch or in presence of both	Factual report given by Panchayat Secretary in presence of representative of BSNL on 02.08.2024
1	Leh	Block Chuchot	Chuchot Shamma-II	Handover to Sarpanch & Panchayat Secretary	As report by panchayat secretary IDU and CCU inventor has been taken back by Padma 9469451011 from vendor (Vertuoso ) for repairing purpose, in this regard it is clearly mentioned in handing taking report (BSNL)
2	Leh	Block Durbuk	Durbuk	Hand over to Sarpanch	As report by Panchayat Secretary all items/ equipments of the VSAT is available at site but it is not functional it may be technical fault .(BSNL)
3	Leh	Block Khaltsi	Khaltsi	Handover to Sarpanch & Panchayat Secretary	As report by Panchayat Secretary all items/ equipments of the VSAT is available at site but it is not functional may be due to technical fault.(BSNL)
4	Leh	Block Khaltsi	Takmachik	Hand over to Sarpanch	As report by Panchayat Secretary all items/ equipments of the VSAT is available at site but it is not functional may be due to technical fault.(BSNL)
5	Leh	Block Khaltsi	Tia	Handover to Sarpanch & Panchayat Secretary	As report by Panchayat Secretary all items/ equipments of the VSAT is available at site but it is not functional may be due to technical fault.(BSNL)
6	Leh	Block Kharu	Tagar-Skati	Handover to Sarpanch & Panchayat Secretary	As report by Panchayat Secretary all items/ equipments of the VSAT is available at site but it is not functional due to inverter burnt.(BSNL)
7	Leh	Block Leh	Choglamsar-B	Hand over to Sarpanch	As report by panchayat secretary that IDU and Adopter has been taken by vendor from Ex-Sarpanch , in this regard concerned Panchayat Secretary has submitted the report to BDO Leh (Copy enclosed as Annexure-B) (BSNL)
8	Leh	Block Nimoo	Ney	Hand over to Sarpanch	As report by Panchayat Secretary all items/ equipments of the VSAT is available at site but it is not functional due to adopter burnt.(BSNL)
9	Leh	Block Panamik	Sumoor	Hand over to Sarpanch	As report by Panchayat secretary that due to heavy wind roof of Panchayat Ghar was blow away alongwith VSAT and all the items are available and need to be reinstalled.(BSNL)
10	Leh	Block Panamik	Kobet	Hand over to Sarpanch	As report by Panchayat Secretary all items/ equipments of the VSAT is available at site but it is not functional as feed horn is not working.(BSNL)
11	Leh	Block Panamik	Panamik	Hand over to Sarpanch	As report by Panchayat Secretary all items/ equipments of the VSAT is available at site but it is not functional as feed horn with stand damaged.(BSNL)
12	Leh	Block Saspol	Alchi	Hand over to Sarpanch	As report by Panchayat Secretary the item IDU & Adopter taken back by Padma 9469451011 vendor of (Vertuoso ) for repairing purpose in witness of Ex-Sarpanch Alchi (BSNL)

13	Leh	Block Thiksay	Rambirpur	Handover to Sarpanch & Panchayat Secretary	As report by Panchayat Secretary due to heavy wind one no of Solar Panel was blow away from roof of Panchayat Ghar and got broken at that time Panchayat Seceretary was Ghulam Mustafa who is presently posted in Block Nimoo as Panchayat Inspector (Copy enclosed as Annexure-C) (BSNL)
14	Leh		Nang	Hand over to Sarpanch	As report by panchayat secretary Modem was taken back by Padma 9469451011 by vendor of (Vertuoso ) for repairing purpose. Annexure-D (BSNL)
15	Leh	Block Thiksay	Thiksay-B	Hand over to Sarpanch	The items /Equipment of VSAT has been handover to Sarpanch (copy enclosed) however as reported by Panchayat Secretary BUC is missing at site. (Sarpanch)
16	Leh	Block Thiksay	Shay-B	Hand over to Sarpanch	As reported by Panchayat secretary except Antenna of VSAT , all other items of V-SAT has been transfereed to Nyoma block vide Deputy Commissioner, Leh verbal instruction, which clearly mentioned in handing & taking report (copy enclsloed as Annexure-E) (BSNL)
17	Leh	BlockTurtuk	Bogdang A	Hand over to Panch	The items /Equipment of VSAT has been handover to Panch (copy enclosed) as reported by Panchayat Secretary BUC,LNB,Feed Horn & power adapter were missing . (Sarpanch)
18	Kargil	Barsoo	Bartoo	Sarpanch	Due to heavy snow fall the LNB damaged, BSNL will reinstall the site (BSNL)
19	Kargil	Barsoo	Thasgam-A	Sarpanch	Battery returned to BSNL authority Sh. Gulzar Hussain company concerned .(BSNL)
20	Kargil	Bhimbat	Bhimbat	Not available	During construction of CFC the battery was missing
21	Kargil	Bhimbat	Gindiya	Sarpanch	The battery has been stolen few years ago (Sarpanch)
22	Kargil	Bhimbat	Thasgam	ACD	Full VSAT returned to Mr. Gulzar Hussain company concerned (BSNL)
23	Kargil	Drass	Holiyal	BDO / PS	Due to heavy snow fall the solar panel is damged (BSNL)
24	Kargil	Drass	Matayan	Sarpanch	Due to heavy snow fall the LNB dagmaged (BSNL)
25	Kargil	Drass	Mushkoo	Sarpanch	Some nut & bolts are broken (BSNL)
26	Kargil	Drass	Pandrass	Sarpanch	Due to heavy snow fall the stand is broken (BSNL)

27	Kargil	TSG	Saliskote-A	Not available	Due to heavy snow fall the LNB is damaged (BSNL)
28	Kargil	TSG	Trespone-B	Not available	The whole VSAT transferred to Garisisha Lungnak block Cha Panchayat (additional) (BSNL)
29	Kargil	Kargil	Batambis	Sarpanch	Materials are available at site but not installed by the Agency (BSNL)
30	Kargil	Kargil	Hardass	Sarpanch	During the construction of CFC the LNB has been stolen (Sarpanch)
31	Kargil	Sankoo	Lankarchay	VLW	Antenna Stand is stolen by unknow person (VLW)
32	Kargil	Sankoo	Sangrah	Not available	The inverter of the VSAT is taken by BSNL concerned for repairing, but till date not returned (BSNL)
33	Kargil	Shargole	Shargole	VLW	The battery has been stolen few years ago (VLW)
34	Kargil	Sodh	Yourbaltak-A	VLW	Functional
35	Kargil	Taisuru	Parkachik	Sarpanch	The agency has fixed the VSAT on health center, but now some materails are missing and Solar Panel is damaged. (BSNL)
36	Kargil	Taisuru	Purtikchey	Sarpanch	The VSAT was installed at MS Goma Purtikchay and the materails are stolen by unkonwn persons (Sarpanch)
37	Kargil	Taisuru	Taisuru	Sarpanch	LNB stolen by unknow person (Sarpanch)
38	Kargil	Taisuru	Youljud	Sarpanch	Some materails are not issued by the agency.(BSNL)
39	Kargil	Bhimbat	Kharboo	Head Master	Retuned to the BSNL authroities, till date not returned (BSNL)