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Minutes of the 7th State Broadband Committee (7th SBC) Meeting

The 7th SBC meeting was held on 15th Dec, 2023 at 12:00 PM. The meeting was chaired by Additional Chief Secretary (IT) to the Govt. of Assam. The list of members / participants is attached in **Annexure-A**

The meeting started with the welcome address by Shri S.K Verma, the Addl. DGT, DoT Assam LSA. After having a brief round of introductions, a detailed presentation was given by DoT, Assam LSA on various important issues as per following agenda:

1. 5G Roll out – Initiatives Reqd:
2. Ensuring the use of CBuD App by all departments & agencies:
3. RoW pending issues:
4. USOF Projects: Facilitating BSNL 4G Saturation project.
5. Review of salient points of last SBC (6th):
6. DIPA/COAI /ISPAI issues:
7. Misc. issues with the permission of the Chair

The points discussed & decisions taken are stated as below:

1. 5G Roll out – Initiatives Reqd:

- a. **Creation 5G Form and integration of State RoW portal :** DITEC informed that 5G form has two modules: (i) installation of small cells by using TSPs' own poles and (ii) installation small cells by using existing street furniture. First module has been already created. The state (IT-dept) would take all necessary measures to complete the process for the second module which is under testing and will be integrated in next 10-15 days. ---- **(Action by Assam IT deptt)**
- b. **GIS mapping of street furniture:** It has been informed by Jt. Secy- commerce and industry (state Nodal for PM GS) that work of street furniture mapping has started in Assam. The mapping of State govt building for 114 buildings has been done by Urban department so far as per GS portal. He has also elaborately explained the use of BISAG App for smooth & faster mapping of Electric Poles in the state. As major entries are to be made from APDCL, the Chairman advised APDCL to use BISAG APP for mapping of electric poles. He also instructed Urban Dept to map water tanks etc. in the PM Gati Shakti portal. --**(Action by line departments of Govt. of Assam/APDCL)**

2. RoW issues:

a. Alignment of State ROW Policy with the Central RoW Policy:

SL	As per DoT RoW Policy [Ref: Consolidated IT RoW Rules (Amended) - 09/08/2023]	As per State Right of Way Policy	Decisions (action by)
1	For establishment of overground telegraph infrastructure over any private property , the licensee shall not require any permission from the appropriate authority. Only intimation, in writing, to the appropriate authority, prior to commencement of such establishment. (Ref:10B)	Permission required both for State government property and private property along with Rs 10,000 administrative fee for processing the applications for permission.	DIPA informed that other states (RAJ, J&K etc) have already implemented these clauses. The chair, however, requested DIPA , DoT (NBM) and LSA to share the information on Pan India implementation for enabling required amendment through cabinet approval. - Action by DIPA/DoT(NBM)/ LSA
2	No Administrative fee required for processing the applications, only Annual Compensation charges to be paid for using the street furniture. [Ref:9(3)(III)]	Administrative fee of Rs. 100/- per street furniture in addition to the annual compensations charges for using the street furniture.	
3.	No fee or compensation shall be charged by the appropriate authority for the establishment of temporary overground telegraph infrastructure under this rule. (Ref: Rule 9A)	No such provision exists.	The state desired Pan-India implementation status from DIPA/DoT NMB/LSA. - Action by DIPA/DoT(NBM)/ LSA
4	"Street furniture" means post or pole used for electricity, street light, traffic light, traffic sign, bus stop, tram stop, taxi stand, public lavatory, memorial, public sculpture, utility pole or any other structure or contrivance of such nature established over the property of an appropriate authority.' [Ref: 10(5) (D)]	"Street Furniture" means electrical line poles, street light poles, street shelter, foot bridge, over bridge or any other furniture installed across the streets by concerned appropriate authority.	The definition of the street Furniture would be incorporated in the amended State RoW accordingly after cabinet approval. - Action by State Govt.
5	The licensee shall have the option of submitting single application for multiple sites and appropriate authority shall make due provisions for accepting such applications and issuing single permission for multiple sites accordingly for establishment of small cells." [Ref:10A(1A)]	No such provision exists. To be included in the state policy.	The State does not have any objection on this clause. Neither is there any contradictory clause on this matter in the state RoW Policy. Hence, this may be assumed as aligned with the Central RoW, as per the committee. - Action by State Govt.
6	Deemed approval for establishment of underground telegraph infrastructure after 60 days, if appropriate authority fails to either grant permission or reject the application. [Ref:6(2)]	Deemed approval for establishment of underground telegraph infrastructure after 60 days, if appropriate authority fails to either grant permission or reject the application. (This policy rule for OFC is yet to be enforced in State RoW portal)	DIPA informed that other states have already implemented these clauses. The chair, however, requested DIPA , DoT (NBM) and LSA to share the information on Pan India implementation for enabling required amendment through cabinet approval. - Action by DIPA/DoT(NBM)/ LSA

The state govt. IT-Dept. would check and ensure that all the clauses in the state RoW policy (Rules) are aligned with the Central RoW, including the latest RoW (amended) Rules, 2023. --- (**Action by IT-Dept/Assam**)

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b. Sorting out the discrepancies in Pendency of ROW cases:

RoW Applications:		Total	Approved	Rejected	Under process	Pending>60	Pending>90	Reverted
As per Gatishakti Sanchar Portal		4896	4211	161	153	98 (OFC:73, GBT:25)	88 (OFC:69,GBT:19)	266
As per state RoW portal	Total (a+b)	4936	4344	171	292	73	69	128
	a.Tower	4758	4280	164	192	0	0	121
	b.OFC	178	64	7	100	73	69	7

On the above observations, the chairman directed that each instance of discrepancy will be examined jointly by the DoT-LSA and the ROW Portal Team of DITEC and resolved. (Action by I.T. Department/DoT-LSA)

3. Usage of CBuD App:

- a. Assam has shown a considerable progress in usage of CBuD App as appreciated by Govt. of India. The Status as on date:

Districts	Department users	Agency users	District users	Tehsil users	Total users	No. of Enquiries
35	7	40	211	27	286	892

- b. However, it has been observed that the major agencies involved in actual excavation (Digging) works, viz., PWD (Roads), PWD (B & NH), GMC & GMDA, are seen not at all using the CBuD app. The chair, citing the importance of the App being monitored by the PMO, directed the concerned State Agencies to adhere to the standing CBuD instructions without fail. DOT LSA suggested to incorporate the instructions in the tender itself for mandatory use of CBUD before any type of digging.
- c. BSNL was also instructed to comply the instructions and ensure that CBuD is used without any lapse.

--- (Action by PWD (Roads), PWD (B & NH

DoHUA./BSNL)

4. Facilitating USOF Projects:i. BSANL 4G Saturation Project:

- ii. **Land Allotment status:** DoT & BSNL appreciated the State Govt for expeditious settlement of all Land allotment cases under cat-I-III.

Cat-I-III:

- Total Villages to be covered after Initial Survey: 707
- Total Sites Proposed to Cover these Villages: 646
- As on Date Land Allocation Done =626 (Govt. /Council = 410, Forest =85, Private=131)
- Pending Site Acquisition = 20(Govt. =0, Forest=0, Private =20)

- ii. **Pendency of EB CXNs:** The status of pendency is stated below. APDCL would expedite provision of required EB CXNs for the BSNL 4G Saturation Project. – (Action by APDCL/BSNL)

Total Sites (Cat-I-III)	EB CXN Applied	D/N Recvd	D/N Paid	CXN Provided
508	358	141	61	NIL

- iii. **Reports on the Progress of the USOF Project Works:** The chair directed BSNL to share the reports on the Progress of the 4G Saturation Project in every SBC. — (action by BSNL)

- a. **BharatNet (BN) Project:** - The BN BA head/ BSNL has expressed concern over OFC Network restoration difficulties being faced in the field in spite of having facilitation in the Tripartite MoU (on Free RoW charges) and IT RoW amended Rules-2023 (9A: on Establishment of temporary overground telegraph infrastructure for restoration purpose). The chair asked the BSNL to submit such cases to the IT-Dept for taking up the matter with concerned Authorities. – (Action by BN/BSNL)
4. **Review of salient points of last SBC:** DoT has remarked that most of the action points of 6th SBC were complied, and remaining points are being covered in the present deliberations.

6. Issues of DIPA/COAI:

- a. **COAI Issues:** Many issues flagged by COAI have been covered in the above discussions. However, two major points required State's supports are stated below:
- Implementation as per Ministry of Power's notification on Green Open energy access consolidation.
 - Implementation per Ministry of Power's advisory on common electricity billing for telecom infrastructure.

The chairman directed COAI to take up these issues with the regulatory authority.

---- (Action by COAI)

b. DIPA Issues:

- Smart / Prepaid Electricity meters to be installed at the telecom sites. Which need special attention to expedite.

(Action by /APDCL).

7. Misc Points:

DCRI – State Ranking/ Completion of DCRI Data submission by the State Govt. :-

The state has informed that the IDCC has been formed and one meeting was also held on 16th Oct, 2023 in the chamber of the Addl. CS-IT/ Assam. The chair directed the IT department to share the copy of minutes of meeting with ERU/DoT HQ and DoT Assam LSA. -- Action by IT-Department..

The meeting was concluded with the vote of thanks by Shri Pankaj Das, ITS, DDG Rural, Assam LSA to all the members/ participants for their continued support for taking the National Broadband mission forward in the state.

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Signed by
Syedain Abbasi

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Information Technology Department.

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By order etc.

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Annexure-A

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