

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
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To
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Sir,

Sub: IT,E&C Dept., - State Broadband Committee - Minutes of Meeting held on
17.05.2022 at 3.00 PM - Communicated - Reg.

The Government vide G.O.Rt.No.12, IT,E&C Department, DT:25.03.2021 has reconstituted the State Broadband Committee. The minutes of 3rd State Broadband Committee meeting held on 17.05.2022 at 3.00 PM at the CS Conference Hall, AP Secretariat, Velagapudi are communicated herewith for information and further follow up action.

Yours faithfully


Director (Communications) 09/06/2022

Encl: as above

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- 1) All the Committee members
- 2) The PS to Principal Secretary, IT,E&C Department
- 3) The PS to Special Secretary, IT,E&C Department

Minutes of the 3rd State Broadband Committee meeting held at 15.00 Hrs on 17-05-2022 at the conference hall of the Chief Secretary to the Govt., Andhra Pradesh

Government of Andhra Pradesh have constituted the State Broadband Committee for effective implementation and monitoring the work of National Broadband Mission, with members from stake holding Departments, DoT, BSNL and telecom associations (COAI & DIPA) under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary to the Govt., Andhra Pradesh. The Third State Broadband Committee was held on 17-05-2022 under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary and the following members attended the meeting.

State Government:

1. Sri. Shameer Sharma, IAS, Chief Secretary
2. Smt. G. Jaya Lakshmi, IAS, Prl. Secretary, IT, E & C Department
3. Sri. D Venkatachalam, Director (Communications), ITE&C Department
4. Sri. M. Madhusudhan Reddy, Managing Director, APSFL

State Government (through Video Conference):

1. Sri. MT Krishna Babu IAS, Principal Secretary, TR&B Department
2. Sri Kona Sasidhar IAS, Commissioner, PR&RD Department
3. Sri Praveen Kumar IAS, CDMA
4. Sri. Chalapathi Rao IFS, Special Secretary, EFS&T Department
5. Sri Sudhakar Varma, PR Engineering Department

DoT / BSNL / BBNL:

1. Sri. Ashok Kumar, ITS, Sr.DDG, APLSA, Vijayawada, DoT (Convener)
2. Sri. G.V. RamaKrishna, ITS, DDG, AP LSA, Vijayawada, DoT
3. Sri. G. V. RamanaRao, ITS, DDG, APLSA, Vijayawada, DoT
4. Sri. A. HanumathaRao, ITS, CGM, BSNL, AP
5. Sri. B. Ravi Kumar, ITS, CGM, BBNL, AP.
6. Sri. P. Venkatesham, ITS, Director, APLSA, Vijayawada, DoT
7. Sri. K.S.V. Prasad ITS, GM, BSNL.

COAI & DIPA (through Video Conference):

1. Sri. Tilak Raj Dua, Director General, DIPA (Digital Infrastructure Providers Association)
2. Sri. Ashish Garg, Asst. Manager, DIPA.
3. Sri Haripreet Singh, DIPA
4. Sri Rahul Dhal, DIPA
5. Sri. Mukesh Kumar, Advisor, COAI (Cellular Operators Association of India)
6. Sri. Kshem Kapoor, COAI

Proceedings of the committee on 17-05-2022:

At the outset Dy. Director General (Rural), AP LSA, DoT welcomed all the participants from various stake holding departments, Members from DIPA and COAI.

Presentation was given by Sr.DDG, AP LSA, DoT about the details of existing Telecom infrastructure, Coverage status, Fiberization of Towers, and Tower density, PM WANI etc. in the State of A.P. It was further informed about various activities of USOF like LWE Phase-2 projects and Aspirational District Plans.

The committee discussed the agenda items and the decisions are as follows:

1. State RoW Portal integration with Central RoW portal (Sugam Sanchar):

The Sr. DDG has informed that at present MA&UD portal is integrated with Sugam Sanchar for Towers only and MA&UD (CDMA) has to make provision for OFC cases also. All other departments (PR&RD, PRED and TR&B) are yet to integrate with Sugam Sanchar portal.

The Chief Secretary has informed that ITE&C Dept., will coordinate with Departments of MA&UD, PR&RD and TR&B for integration process and will be completed within Two weeks' time.

2. State Government Comments on 'Draft Policy Guidelines on Right of Way (RoW) for Establishment of Telecommunications Infrastructure':

The Sr. DDG has informed that the Secretary (Telecom) solicited the valuable comments of the State Government on Draft Policy Guidelines on Right of Way (RoW) for Establishment of Telecommunications Infrastructure by utilizing street furniture for successful PAN INDIA roll out of 5G.

The Chief Secretary has informed that Draft Policy Guidelines are circulated to all the stake holding departments to provide their inputs and after review, the comments will be shared with DoT, HQ within 15 days.

3. USOF sites:

The Sr. DDG has informed that LWE phase-2 project is under execution and requested for support by the State Government for land acquisition, EB power supply and RoW approvals for the sites to be.

The Chief Secretary has directed the Prl. Secretary, ITE&C to pursue with the concerned District Collectors for land allotment after receiving the list of LWE sites approved by DoT. He directed the AP LSA to submit the approved sites to Prl. Secretary, ITE&C for pursuance with concerned District Collectors and Energy department for arranging EB power supply to the LWE sites and RoW permissions for laying OF cable to the sites.

4. PMWANI Project:

The Sr. DDG has explained about the PMWANI Project for utilizing internet services through Wi-Fi access points at public places like Bus Stands, Hospitals etc. It is informed that the project can be taken up at some important Public places like fair price shops, village secretariats, bus stations, and other state local government institutions in the larger interest of the general public.

The Chief Secretary has informed the Prl. Secretary, ITE&C to identify some public places for implementation of the project and to initiate action for approval of those locations.

5. Pending RoW Permissions:

The Sr. DDG has informed about the pending RoW cases (OFC-511 and Tower-87) as on 30.04.2022 and requested for early approvals as per the policy time lines. Further, new cases of RoW permissions will be projected in near future for LWE Phase-2 project under progress.

The Sr. DDG also informed that Ducts laid in smart cities can be leased out to TSPs/ ISPs / LCOs etc.

The Chief Secretary has assured for expeditious action on approvals for pending RoW cases and directed CDMA to finalize the tariff for the Duct utilization in the smart cities of Kakinada, Tirupati and Visakhapatnam.

6. The following other points raised by the Members of DIPA and COAI:

The DG, DIPA has projected the following issues for which better policies are existing in other states and the same can be implemented by the Govt., of A.P:

- i. Clauses regarding Refund of Fee needs to be added in the policy for cases where:
 - a. Application of NOC is rejected by Local authority.
 - b. NOC is granted but towers could not be installed due to lack of support from local administration/ Police in resolving public/RWA issues.
- ii. Levy of industrial tariff for EB Power instead of Commercial Tariff.
- iii. One-time Permission Fee/ License Fee (per tower) for Small/ Micro Towers.
- iv. No permission for Small/Micro cells & Micro-Communication equipment.

The Chief Secretary has directed DIPA & AP LSA to provide the order copies of better policies existing in other states as well as state wise status report on the above issues for comparative study and to resolve the issues.

The Advisor, COAI has informed that a Task Force is constituted at national level to frame guidelines on 5G implementation, densification of network, utilization of street furniture and charges to be collected. He raised the following issues:

- i. Charges for laying overhead optical fibre cables on DISCOM poles are high compared to other states.
- ii. Micro / Small cells are to be exempted from RoW charges as these are not Towers and to be treated as equipment.
- iii. Toll Free number to be provided for coordination among TSPs / Appropriate authorities to avoid cable damages due to multiple times digging by various departments and TSPs.
- iv. NOC permission copies to SHO (Police Station) and Building Inspector (Municipalities / GPs) for resolving local issues.

The Chief Secretary has directed COAI & APLSA to provide the status of better policies / practices existing in other states on the above issues for comparative study and to resolve the issues. He suggested to develop separate application for the purpose of coordination among various departments and TSPs.

The meeting was concluded with vote of Thanks by DDG, DoT.

DR.SAMEER SHARMA
CHIEF SECRETARY