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SBCand5Grelatedmatters

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Minutes of Meeting

The 6th meeting of the State Broadband Committee of Ladakh UT was held under the chairmanship of Dr. Pawan Kotwal, Advisor to Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, Administration of Ladakh UT on 17.01.2025 through hybrid mode. The list of participants is attached herewith at **Annexure-1**

2. At the outset, Sh. Sunil Kumar Lakhera, Director (Rural), J&K LSA, DoT welcomed the Chair and all the participants. Sh. Khushwant Rai, Addl. DGT, J&K LSA gave a brief overview of the objectives of the SBC. He further requested the Advisor to Hon'ble LG for his opening remarks.

3. In his address, Dr. Pawan Kotwal, Chairperson of SBC, emphasized on the objectives of the State Broadband Committee to expand digital connectivity and infrastructure, which is vital for economic growth, social development, and the UT's overall digital evolution.

4. The agenda points were then taken up for discussion by Sh. Arun Kumar Dy. Director General (Rural), J&K LSA, DoT. The minutes of the meeting are as follows:

1) **Agenda Point 1: Review of MoM of 5rd SBC meeting held on 06.08.2024:**

Sr No as per MoM	Actionable point	Action Taken
i	RoW Permission	Nil Pendency
ii	USOF 4G Saturation Project: i. BSNL to install BTS on erected tower on priority within working season. ii. To expedite electricity connections at the remaining payment made sites	(i) (a) Nil pendency in land allotment. (b) On Air sites: 81 (ii) EB Connections Provided: 177
iii	5G Implementation Plan: 1 st step: Identification 2 nd step: Sharing with BISAG-N	Total mapped Furniture: 117553
iv	CBuD App: DLTC meeting to be conducted by	Yet to be conducted by the

	DC's	respective DC's of Leh & Kargil.
v	BharatNet Project: 1. Restoration of 86 GPs for which payment made by UT. 2. Reporting by BSNL for action taken against Custodian.	Dismantled sites restored: 38 Nos.
vi	Provision of Wi-Fi access point at 143 DSPT	Yet to be taken up.
vii	Conducting 5G Workshop	To be conducted in coordination with NBM in February 2025.
viii	Digital Communication Readiness Index (DCRI): Meeting of IDCC to be conducted by UT	Yet to be conducted.

2) **Agenda Point 2: Row Clearance:**

The UT administration was informed that there is nil pendency against the RoW clearance and land allotments to the BSNL.

[Action by: UT Administration]

3) **Agenda Point 3: 4G Saturation Project (by BSNL):**

BSNL has provided the latest status as Foundation completed at 195 sites, Tower erected at 157 sites and put On-Air at 81 sites.

Advisor to Hon'ble LG has expressed his dissatisfaction with the working of BSNL in Ladakh, particularly the attitude of the TCS for leaving the Ladakh for Jammu on the pretext of cold climate during the winter months. Such irresponsible attitude from the functionaries of a well reputed company was not expected. The TCS has failed to install the equipment on the tower which have been erected by the tower construction agency with great effort and intense follow up by the UT Administration.

The Advisor observed that the progress of the project has been extremely slow despite the UT Administration providing all necessary support in terms of availability of Land, Wildlife clearances and other transportation support. The Towers (BTS) being shown as on-air are also not radiating signals of required strength and thus are not being authenticated by the local councillors / general public of Ladakh. The Secretary IT, UT of Ladakh has repeatedly requested for setting up a network monitoring mechanism (NMS) to check real-time network status of the installed tower, which has not been done by the BSNL/Executing agencies. It was absolutely essential that an NMS is set up which should be integrated with the State HQ of UT of Ladakh and should have the ability to log complaints directly.

[Action by: BSNL / TCS]

4) Agenda Point 4: 5G Implementation Plan:

DDG (Rural) indicated that the 5G Street furniture may be identified and then shared with BISAG-N for mapping. IT department informed that work is being executed on various street furniture by UT/PMU.

Chair directed the team to verify the accuracy of data (at least a random sample of 5%) of count of Electric poles, specifically for the 5G street furniture by random sampling.

[Action by: PD&MD, UT Administration]

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

The Chair directed all department for on-boarding CBuD app (registration of agencies at District & Tehsil level) and further advised for the mandatory usage of CBuD app on regular basis by all the Assets Owners & Excavators to avoid the damage of telecom cables along with other utility cables/pipes. The Chair directed the administrative secretary (PWD) to follow up on the procedure and ensure compliance at the earliest.

[Action by: PWD, UT Administration]

6) Agenda Point 6: Composite Billing Scheme:

The Secretary, Power Development Department, UT administration informed that the Composite Billing Scheme will be implemented starting from this year April onwards. Advisor to Hon'ble LG directed to expedite the scheme.

[Action by: PDD, UT Administration]

7) Agenda Point 7: BharatNet / Amended BharatNet Project (ABP):

BSNL informed that under ABP, tendering process at BSNL Corporate office is in progress for carrying out the work on 193 GPs and 51 non-GPs villages and the same is likely to be started from April 2025 onwards. It was decided that the BSNL shall provide the status of the working VSAT sites along with their network monitoring system to UT Ladakh IT Department at the earliest for real time monitoring.

[Action by: BSNL]

8) Agenda Point 8: Other Points:**a) MoHUA Building By Laws:**

The Chair was informed by the concerned department of UT that it has already been notified and a copy will be shared with J&K LSA, DoT.

[Action by: UT Administration]

b) Advisory on Common Duct and Post Infrastructure:

The Chair has directed the relevant authorities to issue an advisory regarding the laying of Common Duct and update the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) on its current status.

[Action by: PWD, UT Administration]

c) Requirement of necessary support from Army/UT.

BSNL stated that some logistics support from Army is required for their 20 sites which are extremely remote.

Further, there is a requirement of logistics support for the Shanshaday, being a strategic site, to be executed by RJIL for which Chair agreed to provide the necessary support from UT side and representatives of both BSNL and RJIO may contact the respective DCs to seek any support.

[Action by: DC Leh/ Kargil, UT Administration]

Director (Rural),
J&K LSA, DoT.

Copy to: All concerned for further necessary action.

Annexure – I

List of All Participants

❖ Ladakh, UT

1. Dr. Pawan Kotwal, Advisor to Hon'ble LG, Ladakh UT (Chairman);
2. Sh. Sanjeev Khirwar, Principal Secretary (Housing & Urban Department), Ladakh UT, (Member);
3. Sh. Vikram Makick, Secretary, Power, UT of Ladakh;
4. Sh. Michael D Souza, Secretary, PWD, UT of Ladakh;
5. Smt. Shashanka Ala, IAS, Secretary (Information Technology/Telecom), Ladakh UT, (Member);
6. Sh. Syed Sajjad Qadri, Director, (Rural Development Department & PR), Ladakh UT, (Special Invitee);
7. Sh. Santosh Sukhadeve, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Leh;
8. Sh. Shrikant Balasaheb Suse, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Kargil;

❖ DoT, J&K LSA

1. Sh. Khushwant Rai, Addl. DGT, J&K LSA, DoT, (Convener);
2. Sh. Arun Kumar, DDG Rural, J&K LSA, DoT;
3. Sh. Pankaj K Vaishnav, AD(R), DoT, J&K LSA;
4. Sh. Lalit Kumar, AD(R), DoT, J&K LSA;

❖ BSNL, J&K Circle

1. Sh. Kush Kumar, CGM BSNL, J&K Circle, (Special Invitee);
2. Sh. Hari Om Solanki, GM, BSNL, Leh Circle;
3. Sh. MD SHAHKAR BARI, GM(CFA), BSNL, J&K Circle;
4. Sh. Rakesh Joshi, AGM(BN), BSNL, J&K Circle;

❖ Department of Information Technology, UT of Ladakh

1. Sh. Jigmet Raftan, Under Secretary, IT Department;
2. Sh. Skalzang Dawa, Consultant-IT/Telecom, IT Department;
3. Smt. Sonam Dolker, Consultatnt-IT, IT Department;

❖ Other Agencies

1. Representative from DIPA (Special Invitee): Sh. Raman Srivastav, (General Manager);
2. Representative from COAI (Special Invitee): Sh. Deepak Kumar Gupta (Manager);