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ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

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From

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To

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The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
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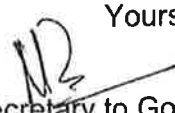
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**Sub: Minutes of the 6th State Broadband Committee Meeting held on dt.25.06.2024
under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, Odisha.**

Madam/Sir,

I am to enclose herewith the minutes of the 6th State Broadband Committee meeting held on dt.25.06.2024 at 10.30 AM at Lokseva Bhawan, Bhubaneswar under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, Odisha for your kind information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully


Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 3434 /E & IT,

Dated. 29.08.2024

Copy along with copy of the Minutes of 6th SBC meeting forwarded to the OSD to Chief Secretary, Odisha/ Sr. P.S. to Principal Secretary to Govt., E & IT Department for kind information of the Chief Secretary and Principal Secretary respectively.

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29/08/2024

Under Secretary to Government

Memo No. 3435 /E & IT,

Dated. 29.08.2024

Copy along with copy of the Minutes of 6th SBC meeting forwarded to the Circle Head, Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd. Wing A&B, First Floor, Fortune Tower, Chandrasekharapur, Bhubaneswar, 751023 E-Mail: sudhir.pradhan@ril.com for information and necessary action.

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29/08/2024

Under Secretary to Government

Memo No. 3436 /E & IT,

Dated. 29.08.2024

Copy along with copy of the Minutes of 6th SBC meeting forwarded to the Technical Advisor (Telecom), OCAC, Acharya Vihar, Bhubaneswar, Email ID: avinnakr.pahi@odisha.gov.in for information and necessary action.

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29/08/2024

Under Secretary to Government

Memo No. 3437 /E & IT,

Dated. 29.08.2024

Copy along with copy of the Minutes of 6th SBC meeting forwarded to Telecom Section (Mobile Tower), E&IT Department for information and necessary action.

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Under Secretary to Government

Memo No. 3438 /E&IT,

Dated. 29.08.2024

Copy along with copy of the Minutes of 6th SBC meeting forwarded to All Collectors, Odisha for information and necessary action.

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Under Secretary to Government



**Minutes of the 6th State Broadband Committee Meeting held on 25.06.2024 at
10:30 AM in the 2nd Floor Conference Hall of LokSevaBhawan under the
Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Odisha**

The meeting was chaired by the Chief Secretary, Odisha wherein Principal Secretary, E & IT Department, Special Secretary, E & IT Department, senior officers from other department, senior officers DoT, BSNL, representative of RJIO, etc. were present. Members from DIPA and COAI attended the meeting in Virtual mode. The list of attendees is annexed in **Annexure-I**.

At the outset, Principal Secretary, E & IT Department welcomed all the participants and in his opening remarks outlined the broad overview of the agenda for discussion. He then requested Additional DG Rural DOT to give a detailed presentation as per the agenda. The Additional DG Telecom, DOT, Odisha LSA gave a detailed power point presentation on the achievement of the National Broadband Mission and the progress of USO funded projects namely LWE Phase-II, Aspirational, and 4G-Saturation projects in the State. He also indicated the actions taken on the decisions of the last SBC.

The following agenda of the 6th SBC were taken up and after threadbare discussion, the decisions taken are elaborated against each agenda point as follows:

- 1. Status of different USOF projects like LWE Ph-II, Aspirational, BSNL 4G Saturation, etc. and issues if any:**

ADG (T), DoT, Odisha LSA presented the status of different USO funded telecom projects (BSNL 4G Saturation Project/ Aspirational Project/ LWE Phase-II) and pointed out that several pending issues like land allocation, feasibility, local issues, forest clearance, road access, etc. are yet to be addressed and requested states' cooperation for their expeditious resolution.

Chief Secretary advised DoT, Odisha LSA as well as to the TSPs to furnish the details of such issues (District, Tehsil & site wise) to E & IT Department and E & T Department in turn write letter to the concerned Collectors & DMs for resolution of the enlisted issues within timeline of 15 days. DeGMs shall coordinate this matter with respective Collectors for expeditious resolution of such issues.

Chief Secretary also advised DoT, Odisha LSA to conduct VC meetings with District Collectors, SPs and DFO with the help of E & IT Department to apprise them the ground reality which will help in expeditious resolution of such issues. TSPs undertaking the task of mobile tower erection may also be included in these VC meetings. For forest clearance issues, Forest Environment & Climate Change Department may be requested to coordinate with the concerned Collectors to organize pallisabhas in case of forest clearance cases.

Further, on submission of annual implementation plan on National Broadband Mission by ADG (T), DoT, Odisha, Chief Secretary expressed that, there is a gap in the telecom connectivity on paper vis-a-vis the actual situation. He suggested to advise Collectors & DMs to entrust their field personnel to verify the actual status of the connectivity and take the help of DoT officials/BSNL officials, if necessary.

Action: E & IT Department/ DoT, Odisha/ Forest, Env. & C.C Deptt./ Revenue & DM Department/ TSPs/ Collector & DMs of all districts.

2. GIS Mapping of Street Furniture on PM Gati-Shakti Portal.

It was reported by DoT that, GIS mapping of street furniture by DISCOMs in PM GatiShakti portal has remarkably improved. But GIS mapping of the street furniture under the control of H & UD Department has not made any progress.

Housing & Urban Development Department was advised to expedite uploading of street furniture in the PM GatiShakti Portal to facilitate installation of small cells over such street furniture to achieve a faster and 24X7 internet connectivity.

It was also decided to ensure mapping of all inputs in PM GatiShakti Portal pertaining to GPs/ RI Offices/ CHCs/ PHCs/ Anganwadis/ ANM Centers, etc.

Regarding broadband connection to different schools and PHCs, the Chief Secretary advised that, School & Mass Education Department and Health & FW Department will map all their institutions having broadband connectivity on PM GatiShakti portal so that broadband connection to the unconnected institutions could be filtered and action could be taken for broadband connection to such unconnected institutions.

Action: School & ME Deptt/Health & FW Deptt./ H&UD Deptt./ All the Collector & DMs.

3. Implementation of Call Before u Dig (CBuD) app mandate by State Govt. Departments/Agencies

It was reported by the DoT official that, though CBuD App has already been mandated by the State Government by issuing a Notification, still it has not yet been adopted properly and enquiries are not raised by any of the asset owners or by the digging/excavation agencies or by the contractors engaging those digging/excavation agencies for renovation of any public utilities.

Chief Secretary suggested to sensitize the outcomes of the CBuD App to all field functionaries including all the engineering cadre—through awareness workshops. E&IT Department will facilitate awareness workshops for all districts in consultation with District Administrators and DoT.

Action: DoT, Odisha LSA/ E & IT Department.

4. Inclusion of mandatory use of the CBuD clause in OPWD Code for all digging/excavation agencies including repair/renovation:

It was earlier decided in the 5th SBC for inclusion of CBuD mandate in the existing OPWD code by placing it before the Codes Revision Committee. But, the representative of Works Department informed that inclusion of mandatory use of CBuD clause by amending OPWD Code is a lengthy process and suggested to issue an Executive Instruction in this regard.

Finally it was decided to issue an Executive Instruction mandating use of the CBuD App to all departments and their subordinate organizations before undertaking any digging/excavation work to avoid unnecessary damage of public utilities.

Action: Works Department/ All other Departments/ All Collector & DMs.

5. Digital Communication Readiness Index (DCRI) issues.

• Implementation of Building by-laws 2016 by H & UD Department:

Housing & Urban Development Department has submitted that, most of the addendums are already there in the existing State Bye Law. Incorporation of other addendum as per the Model Building Bye Laws, 2016 is partly completed and it will be finalized soon. Chief Secretary advised H&UD Department to expedite the process of incorporation of addendum to Model Building Bye Laws, 2016 (Provisions for In-Building Solutions issued by MoHUA) as it affects the DCRI index. The officials of E & IT Department are requested to pursue this matter with H & UD Department.

Action: H&UD Deptt./ E & IT Department

• Composite Billing:

The proposal of Composite Billing has been submitted by COAI and all the TSPs/TPs/ISPs operating in the state to avoid overburdened task of clearing the electricity bills in a truncated manner.

Chief Secretary requested Principal Secretary, Energy Department to take up this matter with the DISCOMs and to make a way out to facilitate the composite billing to avoid difficulties faced by for the TSPs/ ISPs/ IPs in clearing the electricity dues in truncated manner.

Principal Secretary, E & IT Department advised the officials of E & IT department to request Energy Department to collect information from the TSPs concerned regarding the DISCOM wise towers they possess, so that it will facilitate to take up this issue with Energy Department.

Action: Energy Department.

- **Adoption of 5G use cases on pilot project basis by Govt. of Odisha and awareness activities to be conducted by DoT.**

DoT, Odisha apprised Chief Secretary that, they have already conducted a workshop on 5G use cases at their office Conference Hall and exhibited demo of different start-ups from different states of the country. It was also submitted that, DoT has planned to conduct other workshops on 5G use cases in different seminars/camps/exhibitions organized by other line departments.

Chief Secretary advised E & IT Department to write letters to the line departments like Industries, Agriculture & FE, Steel & Mining, Health & Family Welfare, etc. to give at least one hour time slot to DoT, Odisha LSA for delivering their presentation on 5G use case through VC to the departments and their concerned subordinate offices and also to exhibit demo sessions by start-ups in order to sensitize the advantages of 5G Use Cases.

Principal Secretary, E & IT Department also suggested presentation on 5G use cases in the next all Secretaries meeting by requesting P & C Department to include it in the agenda of the all Secretaries meeting.

Action: DoT, Odisha/E & IT Department/Industries Department/Agriculture & FE Department/Steel & Mines Department/Health & Family Welfare Department.

- **Introduction of Telecom courses in ITIs and Polytechnics through SD & TE Department:**

Chief Secretary was apprised about the action taken by E & IT Department and SD & TE Department. However, the matter of inclusion of the telecom courses in ITIs and Polytechnics is pending at the level of DTET, Odisha.

In this connection Principal Secretary, E & IT Department assured to take up this matter with the Secretary, SD & TE and to resolve the issue.

Action: E & IT Department/ SD & TE Department.

6. **DO of Chief Secretary to DoT, Government of India for inclusion of the state of Odisha in the RfP floated by BSNL for upgradation of the network infrastructure from linear to ring topology across GP and Block locations using IP-MPLS:**

Chief Secretary vide a DO No.-0689, dt.21.02.2024 requested DoT, GoI to include the state of Odisha in the proposed RfP for upgradation of the network infrastructure from linear to ring topology across GP and Block locations using IP-MPLS.

DoT, Odisha LSA reported that, the proposal of Odisha, along with other 7 states is under consideration.

7. Issues raised by DIPA/COAI/ISPAI:

- Representative from COAI expressed his concern regarding offline mode of processing of RoW applications sought for by the Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation and Rourkela Municipal Corporation within their corporation areas which is very difficult to get approval.

Chief Secretary suggested to advise the authorities of all Municipal Corporations, Municipalities and NACs of the state not to force any of the TSPs for manual applications. All the RoW applications must be processed in online mode through the designated RoW portal designed by the state and the ULBs must accept it.

Action: E&IT Department/ H & UD Department/ Commissioner, All Municipal Corporations/ Municipalities/ NACs.

- Shri Manoj Srivastav from DIPA brought up the issue of pending electricity connections. He submitted that, more than 600 applications are pending for electricity connections at different sites of the state. There are cases where electricity connections have not been provided but bills are generated by DISCOMS.

Chief Secretary advised to take up this matter with the Principal Secretary, Energy. However, Principal Secretary, E & IT Department advised the department officials to request Energy Department to hold a meeting with DISCOMs and to sort out the above issues.

Action: Energy Department/ E & IT Department

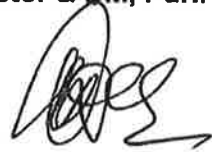
8. Other issues

Chief Secretary raised the problem being faced by the pilgrims as regards to network connectivity problem specifically in Puri. He pointed out that, due to heavy influx of pilgrims on account of forthcoming "**Rath-Yatra**" festival, there would be a heavy pressure on existing telecom infrastructures for providing seamless internet/ mobile connectivity in the Puri region. He therefore, requested COAI and all TSPs/TPs/ ISPs to take steps to improve mobile network connectivity by arranging Cell-on-Wheels (CoW) or upgrading the existing infrastructures in Puri.

DoT, Odisha LSA committed to take up this matter by arranging meetings with the TSPs/TPs/ ISPs and the district administration and to sort out the problem, if any, for facilitating seamless connectivity.

Action: DoT, Odisha LSA/ COAI/ TSPs/ TP/ ISPs/ Collector & DM, Puri.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.



**Principal Secretary
E & IT Department**