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Department of Telecommunications
Bihar Licensed Service Area (Jharkhand)
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No: BR/LSA/JH/RURAL-SBC/2020-2021/ 18   Dated: 22/02/2022

Sub:- Minutes of Meeting of 2nd State Broadband Committee, Jharkhand held on 28.01.2022 under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Jharkhand.

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of the Minutes of Meeting of 2nd State Broadband Committee, Jharkhand held on 28.01.2022 under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Jharkhand.

Encl:- As above.

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22/02/2022

Asst. Director (R)
DoT, Ranchi
Bihar LSA.

To

1.   Sri Sukhdeo Singh, Chief Secretary, Government of Jharkhand
2.   Sri A.P. Singh, Pr. Secretary, Forest, Environment & Climate Change Dept.
3.   Sri V.K. Choubey, Secretary, Urban Development & Housing Dept.
4.   Sri Sunil Kumar, Secretary, Road Construction/Building Construction Dept.
5.   Sri K. N. Jha, Secretary, Dept. of IT & e-Gov.
6.   Sri G K Mishra, Sr. DDG,Bihar LSA DoT,GoI.
7.   Sri R.K.M. Srivastava, DDG(C), Jharkhand, DoT, GoI
8.   Sri Ramesh Chandra, DDG (R), Jharkhand, DoT, GoI
9.   Sri Manoj Kumar, Director, Dept. of IT & e-Gov.
10.   Sri V. Vikram, Dir. (R), Jharkhand, DoT, GoI
11.   Sri Sarvesh Singhal, CEO, JCNL
12.   Sri Ali E., CGM, BBNL, Jharkhand

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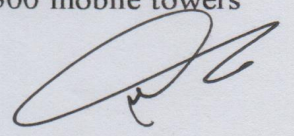
Time:12:00 AM

Venue: Conference Room, Chief Secretary Office

Present:
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2. Sri A.P. Singh, Pr. Secretary, Forest, Environment & Climate Change Dept.
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The objective of State Broadband Committee is to monitor effective implementation of the National Broadband Mission and proliferation of broadband services in the States to provide "Broadband for All" as detailed in National Broadband Mission guideline. Accordingly, vide Department of Information Technology & e-Governance, Govt. of Jharkhand notification no. ITSec2/DoT-Policy-1/2019/IT-602 dated 29.06.2020 and subsequent amendment letter no.-703 dated 27.07.2020, State Broadband Committee for Jharkhand state has been constituted under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Govt. of Jharkhand and Sr. DDG, Bihar LSA, DoT as the Member Convener. 1ˢᵗ meeting of State Broadband Committee (SBC) was held on 21.12.2020 & Minutes of meeting were circulated to all participants on 22.03.2021. Further, to review the progress of National Broadband Mission during 2021, 2ⁿᵈ meeting of State Broadband Committee (SBC) was held on 28.01.2022 in the Conference Hall, Chief Secretary Office, Ranchi. The DDG (R), Jharkhand, on behalf of Sr. DDG, Bihar LSA, DoT convened the said meeting. All the members of SBC including representatives of BSNL, COAI and TAIPA (through VC) participated in the meeting.

At the outset, DDG (R) welcomed all the participants on behalf of SBC, Jharkhand in its 2nd meeting and gave a brief presentation on the progress of National Broadband Mission (NBM). During presentation, DDG(R) conveyed that out of 29,492 census inhabited villages (as per 2011 Census) in Jharkhand state, 27,819 villages have been provided broadband connectivity and remaining 1673 villages are likely to be covered with broadband connectivity during 2022. At present, 65023 kms fiber is existing and 7000 kms is likely to be laid during 2022. Similarly, 21552 mobile towers have been erected and 3000 more mobile towers are likely to be installed during the current year. Further, 5718 mobile towers out of 21552 have been fiberised and 1500 mobile towers are likely to be fiberised during this year.

Subsequently, following agenda items were discussed:

1. **Alignment of State RoW Policy with Indian Telegraph Right of Way Rules 2016 by the Central Government:** It was conveyed by Secretary (IT), GoJ during the 1st SBC that new draft for RoW policy was being formulated. The same was circulated later to DoT, Ranchi. After going through the draft, suggestions were provided by DoT, Ranchi to bring it in line with Indian Telegraph Right of Way Rules 2016. DDG (R), DoT, Ranchi requested to notify state RoW policy 2020 as early as possible after incorporating suggestions provided by DoT, Ranchi. Secretary (IT), Government of Jharkhand informed that state Row Policy 2020 is in the process and likely to be notified soon.

2. **Sharing of details of all habitations (villages/hamlets/habitations) of the Jharkhand State:** In the 1st SBC meeting, sharing of details of all habitations (villages/hamlets/habitations) of the Jharkhand State was requested and the same was provided. Hence, this item stands dropped from the agenda.
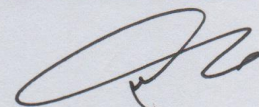
3. **Response on BRI Questionnaire:** Quarterly report is no more required by the DoT, HQ. and hence this item is dropped from the agenda.

4. **Removals of discrepancies in LWE Phase-II site information:** During the 1st SBC meeting, pending informations (06 sites out of 1054 sites) sought by DoT HQ were discussed. The same were later provided by the state authority and subsequently it was forwarded to DoT, HQ. DDG(R) informed that based on the information provided by the state authority for 450 sites, agreement has been made with M/s Bharti Airtel Ltd. Outcome of the remaining sites (604) will be communicated upon the receipt of information from DoT, HQ.

5. **Increasing tower density:**
   - **Possibility of state funding:** Possibility of state funding was not found feasible in 1st SBC and hence it was decided to drop this item from the agenda.
   - **Availability of govt. land and buildings:** This item is dropped in the light of discussion in 1st SBC meeting.
   - **Expedite permissions:** DDG(R) informed that as on date, 3094 applications are pending for RoW permissions as reported by TSPs/ISPs. Secretary (IT) informed that as per online portal, there are about 654 applications pending. Hence It was decided to reconcile this data with TSPs/IPs. Further, TAIPA conveyed that deemed approval letters are not being issued through online portal for RoW Permissions. Secretary (IT) informed that it will be done after necessary modifications in the online portal
   - **Pending Power Connection permissions:** TAIPA informed that 350 power connections are pending. DDG(R) suggested for early provision of power connections. Secretary (IT) will take up the matter with the Principal Secretary, Energy, GoJ.

6. **Increase tower Fiberisation and Speedy RoW approvals:** Issue was discussed in 1st SBC and hence it was decided to drop this item from the agenda.

7. **Utilization of FTTH/Broadband connectivity for e-Governance initiatives:** Utilisation of FTTH/Broadband connectivity for e-Governance initiatives were discussed. IT Department will make necessary endeavours in this regard.
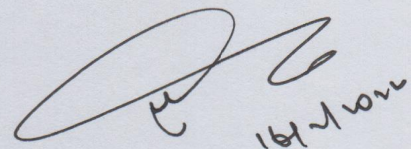
8. **Safety & Security of Telecom Towers/Lack of support from law enforcement agencies where public/Municipal Corporations damage the telecom infrastructures:** TAIPA/COAI informed that two mobile towers were damaged by miscreants in Giridih District and requested to issue suitable instructions to the authority concerned for safety and security of Telecom Infrastructure. DDG (R) pointed that TSP concerned didn't submit report for the damage of towers to DoT office, Ranchi. Secretary (IT) was asked to issue necessary instructions to field offices for ensuring the safety and security of the Telecom Infrastructure.

9. **The forest RoW cases take 4 to 5 months in clearance from the forest department.** It was decided to drop this item from the agenda as it was discussed in 1st SBC meeting,.

10. **Non-adherence of the terms and conditions of the RoW Policy and Mobile Tower Policy by TSPs/IPs:** Secretary (IT) informed that BSNL may inform pending / old RoW cases (pertaining to Government of Jharkhand) to the Department of IT, Government of Jharkhand so that necessary action in this regard may be taken.

11. **Issues in Rollout of BharatNet:** Issues in Rollout of BharatNet Phase-I and Phase-II were discussed. CGM, BBNL presented figures of 4431 FTTH which includes 535 Private FTTH connections & 2402 WiFi Access Points through Phase-I BharatNet in the State till date. CGM, BBNL, Jharkhand informed that the Phase I and Phase II will be completed by March, 2022.

    The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair

**Chief Secretary,
Jharkhand**