

State Broadband Mission Committee Meeting

Date 15.12.2022 at 04.00 PM

Venue: CS Committee Room, 6th floor, Main Building, Mantralaya, Mumbai

Minutes of Meeting

5th meeting of State Broadband Mission Committee took place on 15th December, 2022 at 04.00 PM under the chairmanship of Honorable Chief Secretary.

II. Following members participated in the meeting.

1. Shri. Manu Kumar Srivastav, Hon'ble Chief Secretary, Mantralaya, Mumbai-32
2. Dr. Nitin Kareer, Additional Chief Secretary, Revenue and Forest, Mantralaya, Mumbai-32
3. Shri. Venugopal Reddy, Principal Secretary, Forest, Mantralaya, Mumbai-32
4. Dr. Sonia Sethi, Principal Secretary, UDD-2, Mantralaya, Mumbai-32
5. Shri. Parrag Jaiin Nainutia, Principal Secretary, Information Technology, Mantralaya, Mumbai-32
6. Shri. Sadashiv Salunkhe, Secretary, PWD (Roads), Mantralaya, Mumbai-32
7. Smt. Priyanka Kulkarni-Chhapawala, Deputy Secretary, UDD-2, Mantralaya, Mumbai-32
8. Shri. Pramod Sapkale, Director, DOT

III. The committee deliberated on agenda points and resolved as follows-

Sr. No	Agenda Item	Discussion	Decision	Responsible Department
1	EMF Radiation	Action against TSPs for EMF radiation limit violation has been mentioned in the state telecom policy as well as the guidelines prepared by the Urban Development Department. However, the EMF radiation limit violation falls completely under the purview of Department of Telecommunications and the state does not have the authority to take action under the said violation.	It was decided that the EMF radiation clause shall be removed from the State Telecom Policy and the guidelines prepared by UDD-2	DIT and UDD-2
2	Dispute Resolution clause	<p>It was brought to the notice of the committee that the District Level Telecom Committees are defunct as no meetings are being held at any of the districts.</p> <p>It was proposed that the dispute resolution should be done by the Chairman of the Committee i.e. the District Collector with the appellate powers to be given to the Principal Secretary Information Technology</p>	The state telecom policy needs to be amended to the effect to ensure that the dispute resolution at the district level is done by the Chairman of DLTC i.e. District Collector and the appellate powers will be with the Principal Secretary IT. Similar changes to be made in the Guidelines	DIT and UDD-2

			prepared by UDD-2	
3	Mapping of Existing Infrastructure	<p>The state telecom policy mandates the mapping of existing infrastructure on the MahaSanchar portal.</p> <p>DoT representatives remarked that since the exercise of mapping existing infrastructure is already being done by Central Government, it should not be repeated on MahaSanchar portal.</p>	It was decided that the TSPs should submit the records of their existing infrastructure on GatiShakti Sanchar Portal before 31 st March 2023. The infrastructure that is not registered on the portal shall be liable for punitive action under the state telecom policy provisions.	DIT and UDD-2
4	Establishment of Telegraph Infrastructure over Private Property	<p>As per the Indian Telegraph Right of Way Rules, 2016, the establishment of telegraph Infrastructure over private property requires only intimation to the appropriate authority.</p> <p>However it was remarked by the Chairman of the Committee, that establishment of telecom infrastructure shall require permission from the appropriate authority.</p> <p>It can be ensured that the permission is issued in a time bound manner, and the certification required shall only be a structural stability certificate.</p>	The state telecom policy and the guidelines prepared by the UDD-2 shall incorporate the provision on permission for establishment of telecom infrastructure over private property. The provision shall mention the time bound approval and minimum necessary documents.	DIT and UDD-2
5	Property Tax rates on Telecom Infrastructure	It was brought to the notice of the committee that the property tax rates are very high in the state and need to be rationalized.	Hon.ble Chief Secretary instructed PS UDD-2 to rationalize the tax rates for telecom infrastructure	UDD-2
6	Coercive Action by local authorities	It was brought to the notice of the committee various instances of coercive action against the Telecom Infrastructure companies by the local authority which is resulting in the disruption of the service.	Hon.ble Chief Secretary instructed PS UDD-2 to include the provision against coercive action in the guidelines mentioning that no coercive action shall be taken by any local authority without the concurrence of PS	UDD-2

			IT, who shall be the nodal officer for dispute resolution	
7	Addendum to Model Building Bye- laws	The addendum to model building bye laws that specify the provisions on "in -building- solutions" need to be incorporated in the state DCR provisions	Hon.ble Chief Secretary instructed UDD-1 to incorporate the changes in the DCR	UDD-1
8	MoM of 4 th SBC meeting	The minutes for the 4 th SBC meeting have not been released	Hon.ble Chief Secretary instructed PS IT to ensure that the minutes are issued without further delay.	DIT
9	Formation of 5G Task Force	DoT told that it was decided to form a 5G Task Force during the meeting held with Hon'ble Chief Secretary on 07.09.2022 and accordingly it is recorded in MoM also. However, the order for formation of 5G Task Force is still not issued. It was informed by DIT that the file is put up and pending with CMO.	Hon'ble Chief Secretary asked PS (IT) to trace the file, obtain necessary approval and issue GR accordingly.	DIT
10	Bharatnet Dark Fiber	The dark net utilization under Bharatnet project is pending	Hon.ble Chief Secretary instructed PS IT to formulate a policy for permitting utilization of dark fibre by the TSPs/ISPs	DIT
11	Recommendations of Forum of Indian Regulators	The forum has come up with recommendations for cross sector collaboration for 5G rollout and expansion of telecom infrastructure	Hon.ble Chief Secretary instructed Energy Department to put up a file specifying which recommendations are acceptable and can be implemented	Energy Department

Meeting ended with thanks to the chair.


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 Director DIT