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Minutes of the Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting for 1st State Broadband Committee (SBC) meeting was convened under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary on October 29, 2020 at 10.00 am in the Conference room of Chief Secretary, Secretariat, Porvorim, Goa to discuss the objectives of the National Broadband Mission and to implement the same in Goa State.

The following Officers / delegates attended the meeting at the conference room:

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| 1. Shri Parimal Rai, IAS, Chief Secretary, GoG. | - Chairman |
| 2. Shri Puneet Kumar Goel, Principal Secretary (Forest), GoG. | -Member |
| 3. Shri Kunal, IAS, Secretary (Environment/Power), GoG. | -Member |
| 4. Shri Sanjay Kumar, IAS, Secretary (IT), GoG. | - Member |
| 5. Ms. Ankita Anand, IAS, Director (IT), GoG. | - Delegate |
| 6. Shri S. Sudhakar, ITS, DDG, DOT, GoI | -Delegate |

The following Officers / delegates attended the meeting on Video conference:

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| 1. Shri S.P.Rai, ITS, Advisor, DOT, GoI. | - Member Convenor |
| 2. Shri T.R.Dua, DG, TAIPA, ND. | - Special invitee |
| 3. Shri Manoj Kumar Mishra, ITS, CGM, BSNL, MH | - Special invitee |
| 4. Shri Prashant Patil, ITS, CGM, BBNL, MH | - Special invitee |
| 5. Shri Ashok Muhabe, ITS, DDG, (Rural), DOT, Nagpur | - Delegate |
| 6. Shri Pranjal Thakur, ITS Director (Rural), DOT, Nagpur | - Delegate |
| 7. Shri Rajeev Gautam, ITS, ADG, (Rural), DOT, Nagpur | - Delegate |
| 8. Shri Deepak Arya, Pr.Advisor, TAIPA, ND | - Delegate |
| 9. Shri P.Ramakrishna, Pr. Advisor, COAI, ND | - Delegate |

Agenda of the Meeting

1. To increase Tower density in Urban & Rural locations across the State of Goa.
2. To increase Optical Fiberization Network across the State of Goa.
3. Right of way DOT Rules 2016: Deviations in Goa Telecom Infrastructure Policy, 2020.
4. To prepared Village Master database with details of covered/uncovered with mobile coverage.
5. Formation of State Telecom Co-ordination Committee and District Telecom Co-ordination Committee as per DOT letter No. 16-12/2014-CS-III dated 28.10.2014.
6. Online Portal for processing Telecom Infrastructure (Tower/Optical Fiber cable) proposals from Service/Infrastructure Providers.
7. To discuss Industry issues from TAIPA & COAI representatives.
8. BRI (35 items) questionnaire information received is partial and incomplete

Key discussion Points:

The following are the highlights of the discussion:-

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| 1 | At the outset Advisor, MH LSA, DOT welcomed the gathering and initiated the proceedings with the permission of Chief Secretary and directed DDG, DOT, Goa to give the presentation. A power point presentation with overview of National broadband Mission, Objectives, deliverables, Role of stake holders, Implementation structure such as Governing Council for Broadband, Broadband Steering Committee and State Broadband committee was deliberated. (enclosed) |
| 2 | <p>Deputy Director General, DoT, explained that Department of Telecommunications has notified the "Indian Telegraph Right of Way Rules, 2016" in the Gazette of India on November 15, 2016. Goa Telecom Infrastructure Policy, 2020 was published in the Official Gazette, Govt. Of Goa on August 20, 2020. The deviations of Goa Telecom Infrastructure Policy 2020 from the ROW rules of Department of Telecommunications were presented by DG, TAIPA, ND. Secretary (IT), Government of Goa explained the reasons for the deviations.</p> <p>Mr. T.R. Dua, DG, M/s TAIPA in his presentation highlighted some of the issues with regards to Goa Telecom Infrastructure Policy, 2020 and requested to carry out some changes with regards to Administration Fee, Rental charges on Government lands and</p> |

buildings, Provision of Deemed Permission, Validity of the existing towers etc.

After due discussion and deliberation, Chief Secretary asked M/s TAIPA to take up the items with Secretary (IT) in a separate meeting, for further clarification of Goa Telecom Infrastructure Policy 2020, if required.

Action : M/s TAIPA

Deputy Director General (DDG) informed that the Department of Telecommunications (DOT) has initiated formation of Master database of rural telecom coverage with an aim of providing Mobile coverage to all villages by 2022 program.

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Some of the information was about details of Villages. State Government may arrange to give the details of the villages in Goa, as per the format provided by DOT. All other columns will be arranged by DOT. The format will be shared with Director (IT), Government of Goa.

Action: DOT

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Deputy Director General (DDG), DoT, stated that as per recommendations from Parliament Standing Committee on Information Technology, in its 53rd report, Goa Government needs to constitute a State Level Telecom Committee (STC) & District Level Telecom Committees (DTC) to addressed Public Grievances relating to installation of Towers and issues related to Telecom infrastructure.

- a. **State Level Telecom Committee (STC)** including the Deputy Director General, State Co-ordination, DOT, Panaji, Goa as a member along with Officers from State Administration and representatives from Telecom Service Providers and eminent Public persons etc.
- b. **District Level Telecom Committees (DTC)** consisting officers from District Administration and representatives from Telecom Service Providers and eminent Public persons etc.

Chief Secretary asked IT Department to initiate step to constitute both State Level Telecom Committee (STC) & District Level Telecom Committees (DTC) committee for the State of Goa.

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Deputy Director General (DDG) stated that an electronic application process (Online Portal) for Overground Telecom Infrastructure (Towers) and Underground Telecom Infrastructure (Optical Fiber Cables) application needs to be develop as per ROW Rules.

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Secretary (IT) informed that the development of Online Portal is in progress and it would be made functional soon.

Action: DOIT


Deputy Director General (DDG) also stated that DOT has circulated BRI (35 item) Questionnaire to State Governments. Goa State has replied to the Questionnaire. However the figures pertaining to availability of Optical Fiber cable and Towers in Goa need to be reconciled as data on many private entities is missing.

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Secretary (IT) asked DOIT to obtain and reconfirm the information provided with respect to 35 items, and also obtained information for onward submission to DOT.

Action: DOIT

Meeting ended with vote of thanks.


Vivek H. P, IAS 07/12/2020
Director (IT)

To,

1. All concerned.

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