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Minutes of the Meeting

Minutes of the meeting of the 2nd State Broadband Committee (SBC) convened under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary on November 14, 2022 at 4.30 p.m. in the Conference room of Chief Secretary, 3rd floor, Secretariat, Porvorim, Goa

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

1. Shri Puneet Kumar Goel, Chief Secretary, GoG
2. Shri. Sanjeev Ahuja, IAS, Secretary (IT), GoG
3. Shri. Sandip Jacques, IAS, Secretary (Revenue), GoG
4. Shri. Srinet Cotvale, Add. Col. South
5. Shri. O.P. Minhas, DDG - DoT, GoI
6. Shri. Praveen Volvotkar, Director - DITE&C, GoG
7. Smt. Siddhi. Halankar, Director Panchayat
8. Shri. Dinesh Gupta, CE, PWD
9. Shri. Kapil Naik, Add. Col. North
10. Shri. S. C. Vete, BSNL, DGM
11. Shri Hegde, Superintending Engineer, Electricity Department

Agenda of the Meeting

The 2nd State Broadband Committee (SBC) meeting under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary was called to discuss the following agenda:-

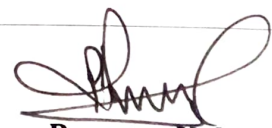
1. Timely execution of the project for saturation of 4G mobile services in uncovered villages in Goa state.
2. Identification and allocation of Govt. land to BSNL for 4G saturation project.
3. Granting ROW to BSNL for OFC laying work for 4G project.
4. Waiver of application fee and processing the NOC through offline mode for BSNL tower setup.
5. Roll-out of 5G services in the Goa state

Key discussion points

Director (ITE&C) welcomed the representatives present for the meeting and briefed on the agenda of the meeting with the permission of Chief Secretary. Chief Secretary initiated the discussion with the agenda of the meeting. The following were the brief highlights of the discussion:-

- 1) BSNL requested for support from Government on timely execution of 4G mobile services in uncovered villages in state. On this Secretary (ITE&C) informed that details are already been provided to BSNL and all necessary support would be provided for its implementation by the Government
2. BSNL requested for issuing ROW permission for laying of OFC, on which it was informed that at present as per the Goa Telecom Policy 2020, PWD is the nodal Department for issuance of NOC as well as ROW. The Department is in process of amending the policy as well as aligning the same as per Government of India ROW policy. As such members advised BSNL, to submit the application to PWD for consideration of their request for ROW permission for laying of OFC along with the detail route map.
3. BSNL informed the members that they had submitted the details of Govt. land for 4G saturation project to both the District Collector's and requested Chief Secretary to expedite the matter. The Chief Secretary directed both the Add. Col (North & South) present, to complete the activity in two weeks time.
4. BSNL requested for waiving off of the application processing fee for seeking ROW permission and to process the same in offline mode. The Chief Secretary was of the opinion that BSNL shall pay the processing fees as the same is very marginal as compared to the overall project estimated cost. On this BSNL representative informed that the processing fees have been waived off in other states and requested Goa Government to consider the same. Director (ITE&C) further informed that, this matter has already been submitted for approval of Government and based on the decision taken; the same would be conveyed to BSNL. In meantime, all the members were of the opinion that, till the decision has arrived, BSNL shall pay the fees as per the procedure lined out in the Goa Telecom Policy 2020.
5. BSNL requested for support from Govt. for roll out of 5G services and to constitute task force for smooth implementation of 5G. On this matter CS informed that, task force would be constituted under the chairmanship of Secretary (ITE&C) for implementation of 5G.
6. BSNL requested support from Electricity Department to expedite the process of granting approvals for the power supply needs to the towers, Chief Secretary (CS) asked BSNL to make an application to the Electricity Department and also instructed Electricity department to expedite the process of clearance.

Meeting ended with vote of thanks.



Praveen Volvotkar
Director (ITE&C)

To:

1. All concerned.