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Department of Telecommunication
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F. No. 5-7/PBLSA/2022/SBC-Chandigarh5-7/PBLSA/2022/SBC-Chandigarh **Date:** 31.12.2024


To

The all Members of the State Broadband Committee, Chandigarh UT

**Subject: Minutes of the SBC meeting of Chandigarh UT held on 23.12.2024
for the 3rd Quarter of FY 2024-25.**

Minutes of the SBC meeting of Chandigarh UT held on 23.12.2024 for the 3rd Quarter of FY 2024-25, have been approved by the competent authority and are enclosed herewith for necessary action at your end.

Enclosure: As above


(Punit Kumar)
31/12/2024
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Minutes of 4th State Broadband Committee Meeting (SBC) Meeting held on 23rd December, 2024 at 3:00 PM Under the Chairmanship of Adviser to Administrator U.T, Chandigarh

The list of attendees is enclosed with the MoM.

State Broadband Committee Meeting was held in Chandigarh on 23rd December, 2024 under the chairmanship of the Adviser to the Administrator, Chandigarh. The meeting commenced with a welcome address by Shri B.M. Setia, Deputy Director General (DDG), Chandigarh followed by a detailed presentation on the agenda points. The point wise deliberation and action report is as under:-

Mobile Tower Coverage in Chandigarh U.T.:-

Action:

- i). The Chairman asked DDG, LSA, Punjab to apprise the committee about the targets fixed by DoT for LSA, Punjab regarding 5G Roll Out in Chandigarh and the achievements so far.
- ii). Presentation was made on Mobile Tower Coverage in U.T. Chandigarh and grey areas and proposals for additional coverage were presented.
- iii). The Chairman expressed dissatisfaction regarding the 5G Rollout plan since the proposals do not cover most grey areas and asked DDG, LSA for ensuring the same.
- iv). It was apprised to the Chairman that BSNL is facing difficulty from Infrastructure Providers (IPs) regarding tower sharing. DDG, LSA, Punjab was asked to resolve the problems faced by BSNL in this regard expeditiously. The Department of Telecommunications (DOT) will address issues related to non-compliance by telecom service providers in permitting tower sharing with other TSPs and ensure compliance of existing guidelines. It was asked to apprise such instances to ADC, U.T., Chandigarh for necessary actions.
- v). A detailed performance report will be prepared to evaluate all telecom service providers, focusing on network quality, coverage, and compliance with regulatory standards and guidelines.
- vi). A strategic plan to be put up before next meeting by DoT to extend 5G services to grey areas with limited or no network coverage to ensure equitable access.

Agenda 1 - Review of ATR of 3rd SBC Meeting

Agenda 1(5) - BTS fiberization Status :-

Action:

- i). The Chairman asked that the reasons for not meeting the targets set for BTS fiberization in U.T., Chandigarh be presented along with a detailed plan of DoT, LSA, Punjab to meet the same.
- ii). It was directed that no offline permissions for OFC to be given by authorities in U.T., Chandigarh. IT Department to issue formal instructions. DoT to also give directions to the TSPs and IPs regarding the same.
- iii). It was apprised to the committee that TSPs are not utilizing the Smart City Fibre.
- iv). DoT, MCC/Smart City Authorities and NIC were directed to check why optical fibre laid under Smart City is not being used/shared by TSPs. MCC was directed to examine and rectify the constraints, if any, faced by TSPs/IPs in utilizing the Fibre Optic Cables laid under Smart City Project before the roll out of new policy i.e. 01-01-2025.
- v). The existing Smart City fibre network in Chandigarh needs to be utilized by all telecom service providers.

Agenda 1(10) - Adoption of Green Energy Open Access Rules, 2022-23 :-

Action: The Engineering Department to circulate the Green Open Access Gazette notification issue by JERC on 13.08.2024 for UTs to all concerned departments and relevant stakeholders for implementation and adherence.

Agenda 1(11) - Telecom Theft Cases :-

Action: The Police Department will provide an updated action-taken report on all pending cases related to telecom and infrastructure, ensuring accountability and resolution and it was decided to invite representative of Police Department, Chandigarh in the next meeting with the ATR on Telecom theft cases.

Agenda 2 - Implementation of Indian Telegraph RoW Rules, 2024

Briefing on the provisions of new RoW Rules, 2024 to be implemented from 01-01-2025 was given by DDG, LSA, Punjab. It was apprised by DDG, LSA, Punjab to the committee that the new RoW Rules, 2024 to be implemented uniformly across the country without States/UTs undergoing the process of adoption.

Action Points:

- i). ADC, NIC and other interlinked departments to make necessary arrangements for smooth implementation of the RoW Rules, 2024.
- ii). DDG, LSA, Punjab and SIO, NIC to arrange training session on the provisions of new RoW Rules, 2024 for the departments concerned.

Agenda 2(d)-Validity and renewal of permission under Right of Way Rules, 2024 :-

Action: Chief Engineer, MCC raised an observation that the validity of permission shall not be co-terminus with the term of authorization for the said telecommunication network, but limited upto a period of 90 days with conditions. DDG, LSA asked MCC to send their detailed comments in writing to them quickly for clarification.

Agenda 2(g) - Provision of Refund under Right of Way Rules, 2024:-

Action: ADC and SIO, NIC, CE, UT and CE, MCC were asked to check the process by which the provision of refund will be implemented in the portal. It was further asked to examine and ensure that necessary action in this regard is taken timely.

Agenda 2(j) & 2(k) - Provision of Overground Telecommunication line and Establishment of temporary overground telecom infra under Right of Way Rules, 2024:-

Action: Chairman asked Chief Architect to submit legal hindrance in granting permission for overhead fibre laying and towers on residential buildings in view of the upcoming RoW Policy, 2024. The same to be submitted within one week so that necessary exemption may be taken from DoT, if required.

Agenda 3 - RoW Clearance Process for OFC permissions

Action: The Chairman directed that all Offline approvals for fibre-laying projects will be discontinued, and all approvals will be processed online to enhance transparency and efficiency.

Agenda (4) - Call Before You Dig (CBuD) App

Action:

- i). The committee was apprised that CBuD App will be of immense help to Govt. Departments in preventing the damage to water/gas pipe lines/electric Cables/Roads etc. Therefore, Chairman directed that all departments concerned with any digging activities must ensure the compliance of D.O. Letter dated 19th November, 2024 from DoT (**copy attached**).
- ii). It was directed that use of CBuD App must be incorporated in all relevant RFP/Work Order/Agreement etc. Departments were further directed to share the samples of such provisions with DDG, LSA.
- iii). Chief Engineer, U.T., Chandigarh and Chief Engineer, MCC were directed to personally review the number of inquiries raised and acknowledged on CBuD App. ADC was also directed to monitor the CBuD usage regularly and review the same in DLTC meetings.

Agenda 5 - Regularization of Towers

Action:

- i). The complete list of towers as obtained from DDG, LSA, Punjab to be shared with SIO, NIC. SIO, NIC to ensure mapping of all the towers installed in U.T., Chandigarh on GIS platform to facilitate effective monitoring and planning. This may be further shared with other concerned departments including Chief Engineer U.T., MCC, Estate, etc. for necessary action.
- ii). Estate Office and MCC were directed to provide the status/details of Court Case related to unauthorized towers.
- iii). ADC, MCC and concerned departments will verify permission for all the mapped telecom towers in order to ascertain the number and location of unauthorized towers and to take necessary actions in accordance with law.

Agenda 6 – Smart Metering and Composite Billing Scheme

Action: Detailed comments of Chief Engineer U.T. Chandigarh and action taken to be sought in this regard at the earliest.

Agenda 7 – UT Chandigarh Policy on common duct / sharing of duct

Action: The Chairman directed Commissioner, MC, U.T. Chandigarh to provide comments in this regard at the earliest.

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

List of All Participants of SBC Chandigarh on 23-12-2024

Dept/Org	Name of Participants	Designation
Chandigarh UT	Sh. Rajeev Verma	Advisor to the Administrator
	Sh. Mandip Singh Brar	Home Secretary
	Sh. Amit Kumar	MCC
	Sh. Hari Kallikkat	Secretary (IT)
	Sh. T. C. Nautiyal	Chief Conservator Forest
	Ms. Prerna Puri	Secretary (Engineering Dept.)
	Sh. Amandeep Singh Bhatti	ADC
	Sh. Sanjay Arora	Chief Engineer (MCC)
	Sh. Rajiv Mehta	Chief Architecture (DoUP)
	Ms. Roma Marwaha	Divisional Town Planner (DoUP)
	Sh. Anil Dhamija	Superintending Engineer (Engineering Dept.)
Punjab LSA, DoT	Sh. Mohan Lal	Addl. DGT
	Sh. BM Setia	DDG (CHD)
	Ms. Nitika	ADG (Compliance)
	Sh. Punit Kumar	ADET (Rural)
	Sh. Sunil Bhat	JTO (CHD)
BSNL	Sh. S. K. Chopra	PGM (CM)
	Sh. Purushotam Lal	DGM
BBNL	Sh. S. K. Sheemar	PGM (BN)
COAI	Sh. Deepak Gupta	Manager
DIPA	Sh.Greesh Kumar Tyagi	General Manager

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DO No. 5-5/2024/NM-ITROW ISSUES

As you may be aware, the "Call Before u Dig" (CBuD) Mobile App was launched on 22nd March, 2023. The app provides an interface to excavating agencies for sharing information and informing all stakeholders about proposed upcoming excavation activities due to developmental work by any agency like PWD, Telecom operator etc. Thus, this facility is used for co-ordination with the goal to save existing underlying utility assets from any damages to the extent possible.

2. In this connection, I would like to inform that the Right of Way (RoW) rules 2024 issued in accordance with the Telecommunication Act 2023 makes it mandatory to inform the Telecom asset owners before any excavation work is carried out. The Act also mandates payment of compensation for any damage to the facility provider i.e. the Telecom company owning the asset.

3. It may also be noted that the same CBuD App may be of immense help to State Government departments in preventing the damage to Water/Gas Pipelines, Electric Cables and even roads etc. and save hundreds of crores of losses and public inconveniences.

4. In this regard, during a recent review, it is observed that the CBuD App. is not being used to its fullest potential. State-wise reported excavation enquiry details are annexed herewith for reference. To ensure safety of State's underground utility assets i.e. Water/Gas Pipelines, Electric Cables and even roads during excavations following is suggested:

- A. State may mandate to all State departments and District Collectors to ensure use of CBuD by all digging agencies. To ensure this:
- Usage of CBuD App may be mandatorily incorporated as a condition in all RFPs/work orders, agreements etc.
 - Small percentage of total payment to any contractor may be linked with the CBuD usage.
- B. Other State departments like PHE, Power, Gas, PWD etc. may come out with Government order on the line of RoW rules 2024 prescribing penalties in case of non-usage of CBuD App by excavating agencies/ contractors and causing damage to their assets.
- C. Increase awareness for the usage of CBuD through press release, social media etc.
- D. CBuD usage may be included as an agenda point must be included in the State Broadband Committee (SBC) and District Level Telecom Committee (DLTC) meetings.
- E. Any State Government agency, which intends to remove any underground or overground Telecom asset like Optical fiber cable or Tower etc. must be mandated to intimate the Telecom Service Provider through the CBuD App., apart from legal notice etc.

5. I, therefore, request you to kindly direct all concerned to take necessary action as per the above. In anticipation of actions on the above, the targets of CBuD enquiries per month are being revised and are attached at Annexure I. The concerned officials may be directed to send reports on item A & B as per format in Annexure II. Sh. Vijay Kumar Maurya, Director III, NBM (M:9472772637) will be the SPOC from DoT side.

With regards,

Encl.: As above.

Sh. Rajeev Verma,
Adviser to the Administrator,
Union Territory of Chandigarh, Chandigarh

Adviser to the Administrator

No. 1848521 PA/AA

Dated 21-11-2024

Yours sincerely,

(Niraj Verma)

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Dated

Annexure-I

Sr No	LSA	State Name	Target to be achieved per month from Nov'2024 onwards
1	GUJARAT	GUJARAT	250
		DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI AND DAMAN & DIU	25
2	ASSAM	ASSAM	242
3	RAJASTHAN	RAJASTHAN	228
4	WEST BENGAL	WEST BENGAL	167
		ANDAMAN & NICOBAR	4
		SIKKIM	40
5	MADHYA PRADESH	MADHYA PRADESH	417
		CHHATTISGARH	233
6	KERALA	KERALA	108
		LAKSHADWEEP	4
7	PUNJAB	PUNJAB	158
		CHANDIGARH	42
8	KARNATAKA	KARNATAKA	225
9	BIHAR	BIHAR	250
		JHARKHAND	167
10	MUMBAI /MH	MAHARASHTRA	242
		GOA	15
11	UTTAR PRADESH (E)	UTTAR PRADESH	500
12	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	JAMMU & KASHMIR	130
		LADAKH	15
13	TAMIL NADU	TAMIL NADU	264
		PUDUCHERRY	25
14	HIMACHAL PRADESH	HIMACHAL PRADESH	16
15	ANDHRA PRADESH	ANDHRA PRADESH	183
		TELANGANA	225
16	UTTAR PRADESH (W)	UTTARAKHAND	17
17	ODISHA	ODISHA	200
18	HARYANA	HARYANA	150
19	DELHI	DELHI	83
20	NE	MEGHALAYA	16
		MANIPUR	105
		ARUNACHAL PRADESH	165
		NAGALAND	20
		TRIPURA	55
		MIZORAM	14
All India Status			5000

Status of Implementation of DoT notification dated 3rd Jan 2023 reg. safety of Telecom assets and issue of similar orders by other Ministries/ States

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Annexure III

State	Enquiries
ANDAMAN & NICOBAR	153
ANDHRA PRADESH	296
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	4
ASSAM	1400
BIHAR	373
CHANDIGARH	68
CHHATTISGARH	874
DELHI	122
GOA	11
GUJARAT	4461
HARYANA	641
HIMACHAL PRADESH	99
JAMMU AND KASHMIR	109
JHARKHAND	412
KARNATAKA	708
KERALA	928
LADAKH	3
LAKSHADWEEP	17
MADHYA PRADESH	2658
MAHARASHTRA	479
MANIPUR	46
MEGHALAYA	63
MIZORAM	6
NAGALAND	16
ODISHA	520
PUDUCHERRY	117
PUNJAB	282
RAJASTHAN	692
SIKKIM	12
TAMIL NADU	533
TELANGANA	214
THE DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI AND DAMAN	153
TRIPURA	9
UTTAR PRADESH	1028
UTTARAKHAND	107
WEST BENGAL	744
Grand Total	18358

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