



No.: 2-48/2022-Rural/J&K LSA/Row-SBCand5Grelatedmatters

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Minutes of the 4th J&K State broadband Committee (SBC) Meeting chaired by the Chief Secretary on 23.02.2024, at 10:00 AM in Meeting Hall, 2nd Floor, Civil Secretariat, Jammu.

I. **Agenda Point 1:** Review of MoM of 3rd SBC Meeting held on 12.12.2022:

S.No. as per MoM	Actionable Point	Action Taken	Remarks
2	Incorporation of RoW Amendment Rules 2022 to RoW Policy of J&K	JKCCIP already amended to incorporate RoW amendment Rules. The permit/permission under this policy to the licensee/ IP shall be for two (2) years (Chapter I, point 5: Validity of permission issued). The clause regarding time limit for validity of RoW permission to be modified.	It was apprised that regarding the validity of permission clause, IT Department has already taken up the issue with DoT, GoI since June 2023 followed by reminders for clarification on validity clause. The reply is still awaited. In order to expedite this case, J&K LSA, DoT requested the UT administration to share a copy of the correspondence with DoT HQ.
3	Formation of 5G working committee for suitable addendums to existing RoW Policy and Facilitate use of street furniture for 5G rollout	Already formed.	Item Closed.
5	USOF 354 Uncovered Villages Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total Sites Planned = 95 Total Sites Commissioned = 66 (Fiber=22; MW=19; VSAT=25) Total Villages Covered = 69 Total Sites Deleted by USOF = 21 Total Sites Proposed to be De-scoped by RJIO = 8 	Item Closed
7	Digital map of villages	The digital map of the villages is required to ascertain coverage of entire geographical boundary of the village.	Revenue Department to be included in J&K State Broadband Committee meeting as special invitee.

8	Implementation of MoHUA Building Bye Laws	Already notified.	Item Closed
9	Implementation of Call Before You Dig (CBuD) policy	Already published	Item Closed

(II) Agenda Point 2: Incorporation of Indian Telegraph RoW Amendment Rules, 2023:

It was apprised by Commissioner Secretary, Information Technology Department that the draft amendment to JKCCIP to align it with RoW Amendment Rules, 2023 stands vetted by the Law department and the department is in the process of seeking approval of the competent authority.

[Action by: IT Department]

(III) Agenda Point 3: RoW Clearance:

A. J&K LSA, DoT requested the UT administration to expedite the manual processing of certain pending RoW applications as these were submitted prior to the implementation of deemed approval feature in the portal.

B. J&K LSA, DoT also requested the UT administration to expedite the 31 forest applications pending on RoW portal.

C. The Digital Infrastructure Provider Association (DIPA) representative expressed his concern over RoW applications for which administrative fee have already been paid, but the fee is not refunded or adjusted after these applications are rejected.

[Action by: IT Department/ Forest Department/All DCs]

(IV) Agenda Point 4: USOF 4G Saturation Project:

A. Land acquisition/allocation Status:

The status of USOF Project was apprised. It was informed that out of 906 sites proposed by BSNL, the indent has been submitted for 766 and the land allotted is for 726 sites. There are 140 Forest sites and 40 sites are pending for allotment out of 906 sites.

Out of above 40 pending revenue sites, 11 sites are from Ramban district for which a re-survey has been conducted. Out of these 11 sites, 10 sites are successfully cleared and remaining one site has a mobile coverage so it is dropped.

The Chair directed that BSNL may coordinate with Revenue Department for expediting re-survey/allotment for remaining sites.

[Action by: Revenue Department/ BSNL]

B. Forest Sites Status:

It was informed that out of 140 Forest sites, BSNL has received demand note for 124 sites and pending for 16 sites. Payment has been done for 92 sites and for 09 sites payment is under process.

CGM, BSNL raised a concern that the forest division has issued very high demand notes for 23 sites (Rs. 5.5 lakh/site) in contrast to the demand notes issued for other sites (Rs. 1.3 lakh/site).

The Chair directed that BSNL may coordinate with Forest Department for expediting the issuance of demand notes for remaining 16 sites.

[Action by: Forest Department/BSNL]

C. Electricity Connections to Mobile towers:

It was informed that out of 748 connections applied to Power Development Department, only 502 demand notes have been issued to BSNL and 236 are still pending. Payment has been done for 270 sites and for 231 sites payment is under process. Total connections provided so far are 25 (22-Srinagar, 03-Jammu). Off Grid sites (KDPCL) are 10.

CGM, BSNL requested the UT administration to provide the electricity connections to the sites for which the amount has been paid and to issue demand notes for the remaining sites.

The Chair directed BSNL to coordinate with Power Development Department for expediting the issuance of demand notes for remaining 236 sites. The matter of delay in electricity connections at the sites where demand notes have already been paid, may be looked into for expeditious provisioning.

[Action by: Power Development Department/BSNL]

D. Civil Work Status:

It was informed that Tower Foundation work completed on 175 sites and work on 96 sites is in progress. Tower erection completed in 109 sites and on 13 sites work is in progress. Till date no Tower has been commissioned.

CGM, BSNL mentioned that currently BSNL has received 45 BTSs equipment and the installation works have already started in J&K UT and would be completed by March end. He also mentioned that 100 more BTSs are in pipeline. The Chair directed for sharing of timelines for expeditious implementation/commissioning of towers.

[Action by: BSNL]

CGM, BSNL highlighted that J&K UT is not issuing the demand notes for OFC, RoW applications as per the J&K RoW policy.

In view of the above, Secretary (PWD) requested BSNL to share the list of all these sites for which demand notes (not in line with J&K RoW policy) have been issued.

It was requested that the matter be taken up with respective Deputy Commissioners to issue the demand notes as per the J&K RoW policy so that the work of OFC laying may be started at the earliest.

The Chair directed that the pendency of RoW applications on the portal may be reduced and directions be issued to all Deputy Commissioners to issue the demand notes as per the J&K RoW policy.

[Action by: IT Department/PWD]

(V) Agenda Point 5 (5G - Implementation Plan: GIS Mapping Status of 5G Street Furniture)

It was informed that out around 11 lakh Electric Poles as street furniture, around 1 lakh poles have been mapped in DoT format on NMP by Power Development Department. The count of street furniture mapped on NMP by Housing and Urban Development Department in terms of Traffic lights pole is 813, Bus terminal & Bus Shelters is 13,368, Government Buildings is 3039 and Street Light is 76896.

The Chair directed Housing Urban Development Department/Power Development Department that the mapping of 5G street furniture may be expedited for faster rollout of 5G services.

[Action by: HUDD/PDD]

(VI) Agenda Point 6: Call Before u Dig (CBuD) App:

The chair was informed that 8 departments have created their state admin users on the CBuD App out of which only 4 departments have created their state agency and remaining departments are yet to create their state agency users.

J&K LSA requested the PWD Department (nodal department for CBUD) that all the departments must create their users up to Tehsil level to fulfill the purpose of CBuD app in larger extent.

The Chair directed that the Public Works Department shall examine formation of a policy (incorporating mandatory use of CBuD App in their tender document etc.) for the protection of its underground assets within its jurisdiction in line with CBuD.

[Action by: Public Works Department]

(VII) Agenda Point 7: Advisories by Ministry of Power:

A. Composite Billing Scheme: It was apprised that the Ministry of Power, Government of India has released an Advisory on 24.05.2023 regarding implementation of Composite Billing Scheme for multiple connections.

The J&K LSA has requested to implement the Composite Billing Scheme for Multiple connections for Telecom Service Providers, Internet Service Providers, etc.

B. Green energy open access: It was apprised that the Ministry of Power, Government of India has released the Electricity (Promoting Renewable Energy through Green Energy Open Access) (Second Amendment) Rules 2023 dated 23.05.2023.

In its earlier amendment, the limit was 1MW but now it has been reduced to 100 KW (aggregated) so now small business entity and industry would adopt the Green Energy for their use. It is now the Discom's responsibility to transport and provide the connection.

J&K LSA requested PDD may consider this proposal of Ministry of Power.

The Chair directed Power Development Department to examine Composite Billing Scheme and Green Energy Open Access.

[Action by: Power Development Department]

C. Advisory on Common Duct: Housing and Urban Development Department was requested to issue an advisory on laying of service duct while work on the road expansion is being done.

[Action by: HUDD]

D. Conducting 5G Workshop: IT Department was requested that the convenient date may be notified for conducting the 5G workshop.

[Action by: IT Department]

(VIII) Agenda Point 8: Digital Communication Readiness Index (DCRI):

The chair was briefed about Digital Communication Readiness Index and it was informed that the Inter Departmental Coordination Committee (IDCC) has been formed.

Commissioner/Secretary (IT) mentioned that the mapping of DCRI indicators with the concerned in line departments has been completed.

For each of the line Departments (as per mapping) one Single Point of Contact (SPOC) has been identified. There are currently 21 pending indicators for which the data is being collected.

The Chair directed that following the data collections from all the in-line departments, the compiled data may be shared with DoT by March end.

J&K LSA requested the UT government to conduct a quarterly review meeting.

The Chair directed for expeditiously furnishing of DCRI data.

[Action by: IT Department]

(IX) Agenda Point 9: Other Issues:

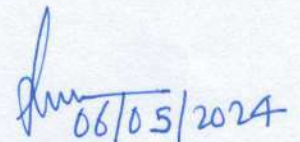
E. Bharat-Net VSAT GP Status: It was informed that the 200 VSAT installed in the GPs under Bharat-Net are in working condition, 156 VSAT were dismantled during maintenance, 330 VSAT were missing/damaged or stolen due to poor custodianship, 04 VSAT equipment is totally damaged due to lightening/fire etc., 02 VSAT having dispute over rentals etc. between Sarpanch & RDD (Access issue to GP). Moreover, no regular power connections have been applied for 456 GPs by concerned BDOs till date. BSNL was directed to make all the GPs operational so that utilization can be ensured.

CGM, BSNL mentioned that recently BSNL has floated a tender for connecting all the VSAT GPs on OFC (Amended Bharat-Net). The tender is likely to be finalized in the month of May or June. The timeline for the Amended Bharat-Net project is three years.

Chief Secretary directed BSNL for separate review meeting for the Amended Bharat-Net project.

[Action by: BSNL]

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



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Copy to: All concerned for further necessary action.

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6. Sh. V K Surendra, DDG(Rural), DoT, J&K LSA;
7. Sh. Saurabh Tyagi, CGM BSNL, J&K Circle, (Special Invitee);
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