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No.: 2-48/2022-Rural/J&KLSA/RoW-SBC and 5 related matters

Date: 03.07.2024

Minutes of the Meeting

Minutes of the 5th J&K State Broadband Committee (SBC) Meeting chaired by the Chief Secretary on 12.06.2024, at 10:30 AM in Meeting Hall, 3rd Floor, Civil Secretariat, Srinagar and Meeting Hall, 2nd Floor, Civil Secretariat, Jammu.

(I) Agenda Point 1: Review of MoM of 4th SBC Meeting held on 23.02.2023:

Agenda pt	Actionable Point	Action Taken	Discussion Points
1	The permit/permission under JKCCIP 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.	The copy of correspondence between UT Administration and DoT HQ has been shared with J&K LSA and the clarification for the same has been provided to UT administration.	It was apprised that further clarification has been sought and the matter stands taken up with DoT HQ for clarification. DIPA representative also mentioned that all the states/UTs have aligned their policy with the Center and same should be followed in J&K UT as well. The CS, J&K UT directed DIPA representative to provide the list of all the States/UTs and directed IT Department to align its RoW policy with IT RoW Rules, 2016. (Action by: IT Department in consultation with DoT GoI)
	Digital map of villages - The digital map of the villages is required to ascertain coverage of entire geographical boundary of the village.	Revenue Department is included in J&K SBC meeting as a special invitee.	It was apprised that currently UT does not have the digital maps of villages. The LGD directory has been made and creation of Digital Maps is in process. (Action by: Revenue Department)
3	RoW Clearance A) 06 No. of applications were pending that was needed to be addressed manually.	A) 05 No. of applications disposed of. B) Action to be taken	A) It was informed that one RoW application of Reasi district is pending and same has been taken up with DC, Reasi for its early disposal.

	B) The Administrative fees for the Rejected RoW applications needs to be refunded or adjusted.		B) It was apprised that the matter needs to be pursued with DoT HQ, as the GatiShakti is a centralized portal and the necessary changes are to be made from DoT side. Addl. DGT, J&K LSA assured that the matter will be taken up with DoT HQ. (Action by: LSA J&K)
5	Street Furniture mapping on NMP Portal for 5G roll-out	Mapping status as on 31.05.2024: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Traffic Lights – 891• Govt Buildings – 3494• Bus Terminals – 428• Electric Poles – 110308• Billboards – 219• Street Lights – 88420	It was apprised that the mapping of HUDD's street furniture has been completed and the gap would be identified and addressed. Addl. DGT, J&K LSA requested for a regular update on the count of street furniture mapping and to complete it on priority. (Action by: PDD Department)
7	Conducting Workshop	5G Date is to be finalized.	It was apprised that HUDD would conduct a 5G workshop and seek consent to convene it by the end of July 2024. (Action by: HUDD Department)
8	Digital Communication Readiness Index (DCRI)	Data submitted for last FY. Meeting of IDCC to be held quarterly.	It was apprised that IT Department has taken up the matter with all administrative departments for updated status on DCRI parameters and the first IDCC meeting is proposed in the next month. (Action by: IT Department)

(II) Agenda Point 2 and 3: RoW application status as on 10.06.2024 and their Clearance:

The status of RoW applications was apprised. It was informed that total 66 RoW applications are pending on the portal. It was apprised that the matter has already been taken up with the concerned DCs and the pendency would be resolved in a month's time.

[Action by: IT Department/DCs]

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

A. Land acquisition/allocation Status:

The status of USOF 4G Saturation Project was apprised. It was informed that out of 847 sites proposed by BSNL, land has been allotted for 751 sites. There are 93 Forest sites and 3 Revenue sites that are pending for allotment out of 847 sites.

It was 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 by BSNL that out of 134 Forest sites, demand note has been received for 128 sites and is pending for 6 sites. Payment has been made for 89 sites and for 35 sites payment is under process and 4 sites have been dropped due to the presence of other TSP's. It was informed that the compliance for the 6 sites are pending from BSNL side for which payment has been made.

ACS (Forest) stated that BSNL has submitted their indent for 143 sites. Stage one clearance for all 143 sites has already been given to BSNL and it was suggested to start the foundation work on these sites and not wait for the stage two approval from MoEF&CC (as all these applications have been forwarded to MoEF&CC for approval).

BSNL was directed to coordinate with Forest Department for expediting the issuance of demand notes for remaining 6 sites.

[Action by: Forest Department/BSNL]

C. Electricity Connections to Mobile towers:

It was informed that out of 702 connections applied to Power Development Department, only 698 demand notes have been issued to BSNL. Payment has been made for 697 sites and one remaining demand note is withheld by BSNL as it has applied twice for a single site. Total connections provided so far are 145. Off Grid sites of (KDPCL) are 04.

The Chief Secretary directed BSNL to coordinate with Power Development Department for expediting the provision of electricity connections at the sites where demand notes have already been paid.

[Action by: Power Development Department/BSNL]

D. Civil Work Status:

It was informed that Tower Foundation work has been completed on 333 sites and work on 118 sites is in progress. It was apprised that Tower erection has been completed in 231 sites and on 15 sites work is in progress. Till date, a total of 37 Nos. of Towers have been commissioned, out of which 9 are on-air.

It was also highlighted that the foundation work has been started only at 451 sites, out of 751 lands allotted. BSNL intimated that the target of commissioning of around 650 towers shall be achieved by December, 2024.

The Chief Secretary directed BSNL to expedite the work at the remaining sites and submit the timeline of progress (installation and commissioning) of the project by the end of June 2024.

[Action by: BSNL]

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

It 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.

It was apprised that the Jal Shakti Department will create the users till Tehsil level shortly.

The Chief Secretary directed the PWD Department (nodal department for CBuD) to create the users of all relevant departments up to Tehsil level and to examine formation of a policy (incorporating mandatory use of CBuD App in their tender document etc.) for the protection of UT's underground assets within its jurisdiction in line with CBuD.

[Action by: Public Works Department]

J&K LSA, DoT requested for regular conduct of District Level Telecom Committee (DLTC) meetings on a quarterly basis and review the usage of CBuD App.

The Chief Secretary asked Commissioner/Secretary (IT) to coordinate with all the DCs for regular holding of DLTC meetings.

[Action by: IT Dept./DCs]

(V) **Agenda Point 7: Advisories by Ministry of Power:**

A. 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.

The Chief Secretary directed Secretary PDD to come up with green energy proposals which would be considered by the Discoms as per the rules/norms.

[Action by: Power Development Department]

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

The Chief Secretary was apprised that the software for composite billing has already been developed for Jammu Discom and is being developed for Kashmir Discom and it will be completed within two months.

[Action by: PDD]

(VI) **Agenda Point 9: Other Issues:**

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

[Action by: HUDD]

B. BharatNet VSAT GP Status: It was informed that the 200 VSAT installed in the GPs under BharatNet 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 provide a **Helpline Number** and give access of their **Customer Management Portal** to the officers nominated by RDD within three days. Furthermore, BSNL to also ensure the availability of technically qualified officers for any fault repair at each block headquarter.
- The Chief Secretary directed RDD to inform about the actual status of BharatNet GPs on the portal.

[Action by: BSNL]

- Addl. DGT, J&K LSA mentioned that the LSA has already directed BSNL to restore all the non-operational GPs on VSAT in its review meetings with BSNL. DoT was advised to issue a directive to BSNL for restoration of all non-operational GPs under intimation to the UT administration.

[Action by: DoT/ BSNL/RDD]

- The Chief Secretary directed BSNL to reconcile their survey data for the Amended BharatNet Program with the data available with RDD.

[Action by: BSNL/ RDD]

C. Shri Amarnathji Yatra 2024: J&K LSA, DoT requested the UT administration to make provision for electricity supply round the clock on both Yatra routes.

The Power Development Department was directed to take necessary action in the matter.

[Action by: PDD]

[Item Closed]


D. Telecom Equipment (RRU, BBU etc.) Theft incidents: The chair was apprised about the telecom equipment theft incidents in the J&K UT and requested for UT's assistance to minimize the same for maintaining good quality of services.

The Chief Secretary directed for lodging of FIRs in all cases of theft and assured that the action will be taken on the incidents for which FIR has been filed.

[Action by: BSNL/BBNL/TSPs]

In the closing remarks, the Chief Secretary, J&K, exhorted all concerned departments/agencies to extend full support in implementation of RoW Policy, land allocation, making provision of power and efficient management of RoW portal. He directed BSNL and RDD to coordinate with regard to proper implementation of Amended BharatNet Program. He also directed BSNL to share the action plan along with timelines for timely completion/commissioning of the 4G Saturation Project.

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

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