

**Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> State Broadband Committee (SBC) meeting**  
**held on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 at 4.30 PM,**  
**chaired by the Chief Secretary, Government of Meghalaya in Main**  
**Secretariat, Shillong**

The 5<sup>th</sup> SBC meeting was held on the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 and was chaired by Shri D. P. Wahlang, IAS, Chief Secretary, Government of Meghalaya.

The objective of the meeting was to fast-track telecom penetration in the State and sort out any issues in order to expedite the execution and rollout of the Telecommunication projects in the State.

The Attendance sheet is placed at *Annexure – A*.

The following invitees also attended the meeting through VC:

- 1) All Deputy Commissioners of Districts and their Representatives
- 2) Shri. Harpreet Singh, Northeast Regional Head- DIPA
- 3) Representative from COAI
- 4) Shri. D. Lato, Bharti Hexacom Ltd (Airtel) – USOF 4G project
- 5) Representative from RJIO

**National Broadband Mission**

DoT NE LSA made a presentation about the National Broadband Mission in Meghalaya. (*PPT enclosed at Annexure-B*).

**USOF 4G Projects by Airtel**

1. As per revised target, Bharti Hexacom Ltd (BHL) is targeted to set up **383 Towers** covering **526 villages** by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023. The work is on the verge of completion as per the status below:

No. of villages to be covered as per agreement	No. of Towers (Original scope)	No. of Towers (Revised scope)	Tower sites commissioned (On-air)	Villages covered	Pending Issues
1164	889	383	355	526	Enclosed at <i>Annexure-C</i>

2. The Chair directed concerned Deputy Commissioners & representatives from Forest & Environment Department to provide necessary support to BHL on top priority for resolving all the pending issues in their respective jurisdictions before the next preparatory meeting for PRAGATI /PMG meeting and the progress made in this matter is to be updated to the Chair positively by **11<sup>th</sup> September 2023**.

3. Moreover, the current status under USOF 4G Project of BHL Phase 3 is also as given below:

No. of villages to be covered	No. of Towers	No. of villages to be covered	No. of Towers	Tower sites commissioned (On-air)	Remarks
Original scope		Revised scope			
723	528	82	72	0	25 sites-Land acquired Rest -Land acquisition is in progress

4. In this regard, the Chair directed all concerned DCs and Local Authorities to provide all the necessary support to BHL for resolving the issues at the sites under their respective jurisdictions, towards timely completion under Phase 3.

#### USOF 4G Saturation Project Status by BSNL

5. The status as per revised target of **319 Towers** covering **990 villages** by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 is as follows:-

Total Uncovered Villages Surveyed	990			
Total Towers planned after survey	CAT-1 (Uncovered Villages)	CAT-II (VVIP reference 2022)	CAT-III (VVIP reference 2023)	CAT BOP-BIP
319	259	22	4	34
	285			34

The status of the pending BSNL sites are placed at *Annexure-D*.

6. The Chair directed all concerned DCs to provide necessary support to BSNL on top priority for resolving all the pending issues in their respective jurisdictions before the next preparatory meeting for PRAGATI / PMG meeting and the progress made in this matter is to be updated to the Chair positively by **11<sup>th</sup> September 2023**.

7. **Bharat-Net OFC Project (Ph-I)** status is as follows:

Installed	Service Ready	Up GPs	Way forward / Action
122	98	17	Out of 73 service ready GPs, reliable electricity connection to be made available.

BSNL informed that they have hired a third party to complete the work and to provide Operations and Maintenance for all the **98** sites handed over to them.



## 8. Status of Bharatnet Phase-II VSATs Project of BBNL as on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2023

Sl.No	Agency Name	Scope	Service Ready	Pending	Up	Issues
1	TCIL GP	521	505	16	96	13 VSAT equipment missing (NGH-3, SGH-3, WKH-4, WJH-1, EWKH-1 & SWKH-1)
2	TCIL Add-On	38	38	0		
3	TCIL DSPT	30	30	0	30	
4	BSNL GP	78	76	2		1 equipment-burnt 1 equipment -diverted

## 9. Status of VSATs in Police Stations

The Status of 35 VSATs in PSs are as follows as on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2023:

Sr	Network Connectivity Status	No of Police Stations
1	Available	9
2	Not Available/Poor	21
3	Defective/Malfunctioning	4
4	Not Installed	1
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>35</b>

10. The Chair directed that a separate meeting shall be convened by the Commissioner & Secretary, IT&C with BBNL, BSNL/ TCIL, Education Dept, Home (Police), to chalk out a way-forward for BharatNet project in Meghalaya.

The Chair also directed BBNL to provide **Dashboard access** on live status of BBNL VSAT to State IT&C/ Education/ Police Departments, on top priority, as also decided during the Review Meeting chaired by **Additional Secretary, DoT, Gol**, held in July 2022 at CTO BSNL Building, Shillong which was also attended by Sr. GM BBNL i/c Meghalaya, BSNL and IT&C Department.

The Chair also directed the IT&C Department to draft a D.O Letter from the Chief Secretary to the **Additional Secretary, DoT, Gol and the BBNL Headquarter on this matter.**

## Presentation by IT &C Department

IT&C Department also made a presentation (*PPT enclosed at Annexure- E*) pertaining remaining agenda and decision points below :-

## **Digital Communications Readiness Index (DCRI)**

11. The DCRI survey is being conducted by DoT-Gol. DCRI is a tool for states to attract investments and address Right of Way (ROW) challenges recommended by the National Digital Communication Policy (NDCP), 2018. DCRI indicates factors like underlying infrastructure, human resources, policy regimes, & investment climate.



12. The DCRI involves multiple line Departments of the State like PWD, Education, UAD, Power, Home (Police), H& FW, Commerce & Industries, IT&C Dept, including NE LSA DoT Gol Shillong office. Towards this objective, the first step is to get the Single Point of Contact (SPOC) details from concerned Departments. Till date the SPOC details were received from Commerce & Industries, Forest & Environment, C&RD, Labour and Education Departments. The response from **Urban Affairs, Power, H&FW & NELSA DoT-Gol Shillong Office** is awaited by the IT&C Dept. The IT&C Department shall also create a WhatsApp group for the purpose.

### **Model Building ByeLaws**

13. Incorporation of Addendum to Model Building Byelaws, 2016 as per provisions in IBS issued by MoHUA.
- (a) The National Digital Communications Policy (NDCP) 2018 mandated installation of Telecom infra & associates cabling, IBS (In Building Solution) in all Commercial/ Residential/ Govt Buildings as per National Building Code of India. In this regard, the State needs to incorporate Model Building Byelaws so that Digital Infra deployment/ Digital Connectivity ready provisions are part of their Common Telecom Infra (CTI) such as:
- i. Telecom Duct
  - ii. Common Pathways
  - iii. Runways for Cables, etc
- (b) As per suggested Addendum, any Occupancy-cum-completion Certificates are to be granted only after ensuring that CTI as per prescribed standards is in place. Besides, necessary provisions of visit for DoT/ TRAI Officials along with joint inspection with TSP/IPS who might suggest relevant modifications in the CTI Plan to ensure common access.
14. After deliberation on the matter, it was decided during the meeting that the Urban Affairs Department shall incorporate to adopt provisions for Addendum to Model Building Byelaws, 2016, In-Building Solutions (IBS) issued by MoHUA-Gol and to be implemented for Government Buildings only. The representative from Urban Affairs Department has also informed that the draft Cabinet Memo is being prepared and shall be taken up for Cabinet approval subsequently.

### **Draft Meghalaya Telecom Infrastructure (Amendment) Policy 2023**

15. The Working Committee on 5G Roll-out has held several meetings and deliberated on the necessary amendments to the Meghalaya Telecom Infrastructure Policy (MTIP) 2018 for aligning the same with the latest Gol ROW (Amendment) Rules and other DoT, Gol, guidelines. Necessary inputs were also taken from all concerned stakeholders and incorporated in the draft Policy. Pursuant to this SBC meeting dated 31/08/2023, the updated final Draft Policy is enclosed at *Annexure-F*.
16. The Chair directed IT&C Department to prepare the **Draft Cabinet Memo** in the meantime.

17. With regard to Rates for Electricity Poles, for the purpose of the Amendment Policy, the rates as issued by the MePDCL may be adopted as may also revised from time to time.
18. The Penalty charge for non-compliance by TSPs/IPs to any provisions in this Policy shall be reduced from ₹5 lakh to **₹1 lakh**.
19. The intimation fee of Rs. 10,000 for private property shall be waived off.
20. The One time fees and Restoration Fees as per Schedule1 Part 1 & Schedule Part 2 (Annexures) shall be accepted
21. The Compensation Fees as per Schedule-III pertaining to "**Usage of Street furniture** for installation of **small cells** and telegraph line, shall be shall be applicable for the mentioned areas in the draft Policy "**except for MePDCL Poles**"
22. The **Compensation rates** as per Schedule-III for:

**Overground (State Govt Property)**

Street Furnitures (Small Cell) -Urban	300/yr per street furniture
Street Furnitures (Small Cell) -Rural	150/yr per street furniture
Street Furnitures (OFC) (Urban & Rural)	100/yr per street furniture

**Electricity Connections (MeECL/ MePDCL) at Telecom sites**

23. The District wise details of pending Electricity connections by MeECL / MePDCL at Telecom sites are placed at *Annexure-G*.
24. The Chair directed IT&C Department to take-up the site-wise details with MePDCL, and to facilitate for joint surveys between MeECL / MePDCL and the TSPs/IPs as may be required.

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

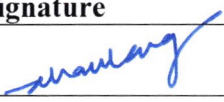

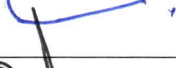
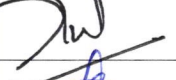

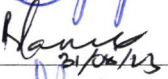
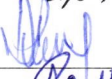

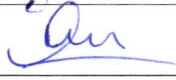
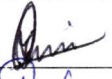
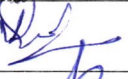
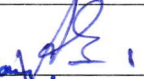




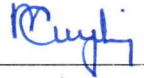


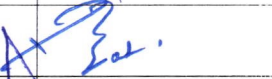
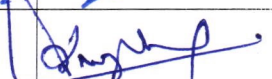


(D. P Wahlang)  
Chief Secretary  
Government of Meghalaya



# ATTENDANCE SHEET

MEETING HELD ON 31.08.2023 AT 4:30 PM RELATING TO THE STATE  
BROADBAND COMMITTEE (SBC) IN THE MAIN CONFERENCE HALL, MAIN  
SECRETARIAT BUILDING.

Sl.	Name and Designation	Signature
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2.	DR B. D. R. Tiwari, Comptroller & MSIPB, Governor of Meghalaya	
3.	K. L. NONGBRI JT. SECY, IT&C.	
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5.	E. Lyngdoh PG-Sem I (IT&C)	
6.	B. Laxee, ADC, Shillong.	
7.	PETER T. PASSAH, ADC, SHILLONG	
8.	S. SHULCAI, Senior Architect Urban Affairs	
9.	D. Dikhar SIO DITC	
10.	J. Tadiang D.F.E Inspectorate of Electricity	
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15.	Sarjan Haque (JIO)	
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17.	K.K. Mawon CE PWD (R)	
18.	K.R.	
19.	M. Shangphiang, Director, MePDCL	
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21.	S. M. Swami, DCF (F&E)	
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26.	Sandeep Kumar JTO(S), NE LSA, DOT	Sandeep Kumar
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