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### Minutes of the Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting for 3<sup>rd</sup> State Broadband Committee (SBC) meeting was convened under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary on February 29, 2024 at 11.30 am in the Conference room of Chief Secretary, Secretariat, Porvorim, Goa to discuss on various agenda points related telecom Infrastructure.

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

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| 1. Shri Puneet Kumar Goel, IAS, Chief Secretary, GoG.        | - Chairman |
| 2. Shri Sanjay Goel, IAS, secretary (Urban Development), GoG | - Member   |
| 3. Shri Sanjeev Ahuja, IAS, Secretary (IT), GoG.             | - Member   |
| 4. Ms. Yashaswini B, IAS, Director (IT), GoG.                | - Member   |

The following Officers / delegates attended the meeting on Video conference:

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| 1. Shri R. K Chaudhary, IIS, DDG, DOT, Gol | -Member Secretary |
| 2. Pramod Sapkale, Director (SC), Goa.     | - Member.         |
| 3. Shri T.R.Dua, DG, TAIPA, ND.            | - Special invitee |

### Agenda of the Meeting

1. NBM Targets and the status of achievements in Goa
2. Issues related to 4G Saturation Project being implemented by BSNL.
3. Launching of Goa State RoW Portal
4. Status of RoW Applications and policy/implementation related issues
5. Action required to be taken by Goa State w.r.t. DCRI Framework
6. Notification of Goa State Infrastructure Safety Rules & Status of CBuD Activities.
7. Status of GIS Mapping of Street Infrastructure on GatiShakti Portal
8. Organizing 5G Conference.
9. Utilization of Rs.50 Cr. fund given by DoT under Special Assistance Scheme

10.Implementation of FOIR recommendations for cross sector collaboration

11.Industry specific issues.

### Key discussion Points:

The following are the highlights of the discussion:-

1	At the outset Advisor, MH LSA, DoT welcomed the gathering and initiated the proceedings with the permission of Chief Secretary and directed Mr. Pramod S Sapkale, ITS, Director (Compliance & SC), MH & Goa, DoT to give the presentation.
2	<b>National Broadband Mission (NBM):</b> Pramod S Sapkale, ITS, Director (Compliance & SC), MH & Goa, DoT, brief objective of NBM and also explained the status of various KPIs w.r.t. Goa State such as Broadband connectivity, Broadband Speed, Fiberisation of towers, Installation of Towers and Mapping of Fibre on GatiShakti SMP/NMP Portal. It was requested to the State create conducive environment to enable TSPs/IPs to achieve the set Targets under NBM.
3	<b>Digital Communication Readiness Index (DCRI):</b> Dept. of IT, Goa and DoT jointly prepared the replies to the Questionnaire circulated by DoT HQ. Goa State is requested to send the Questionnaire to DoT HQ and also fix up the meeting of line departments to discuss the further progress to be achieved under DCRI framework.  Director (IT), Goa assured to do the needful.
4	<b>4G Saturation:</b>  During meeting, discussion was held regarding implementation & its issues related to 4G Saturation Project being implemented by BSNL. The total sites identified for 4G Saturation project was 66, out of which 31 sites allotted to BSNL for installation of mobile towers and remaining sites are pending due to various reasons like sites belong to forest land or private land.  26 sites Lands were proposed to be acquired from private persons but there is huge demand for rents and also some places there is title issues for their land as land belong to their ancestor names and hence only 3 lands could be hired. It has become


	<p>difficult to hire remaining 18 lands. This issue was discussed with Secretary (Revenue) by Director (SC), Goa on 21.02.2024. Secretary (Revenue) directed State authorities to carry out survey jointly with BSNL and identify the Govt. Lands. During the survey, 5 Govt. Lands were identified.</p> <p>It was further requested to the Chairman that State should help in identifying the lands at remaining 18 locations.</p> <p>The Chairman agreed to the request and directed Authorities to have another round of survey.</p> <p>It was intimated by BSNL that Public is not allowing to work at 8 locations where Govt. Lands were allotted. It was requested to provide Police protection to BSNL Team to start the work. The Chairman agreed to the request.</p>
5	<p><b>Goa State RoW Portal:</b></p> <p>With regards to Launching of Goa State RoW Portal, Director(IT) informed that the file is moved to Hon'ble Minister (IT) for obtaining convenient date and time for launch of portal. Once approved by Hon'ble Chief Minister same will be launched.</p>
6	<p><b>Pending RoW Applications:</b></p> <p>It was intimated that 36 RoW Applications are pending for approval with the State. The State informed that currently Goa State accepting ROW application in offline mode. The total applications pending are 9 and same will be process shortly.</p>
7	<p><b>Call Before u Dig (CBuD) App:</b></p> <p>Discussion was held regarding the Notification of Goa State Infrastructure Safety Rules on the similar lines that issued by DoT. The Secretary (IT) informed that currently Goa State did not notify Goa State Infrastructure Safety Rules and directed Department of Information Technology, Electronics and Communications to look in the matter.</p> <p>With regard to Call Before You Dig (CBuD) Activities, Goa State has created 54users of I.1, I.2, I.3 &amp; I.4 levels. Only 12 Excavators are registered. However, these users are not actively using this app and only 6 inquiries are generated by the Excavators</p>



	<p>during the last 11 months. The performance of the Goa State is very poor compared to other States.</p> <p>It was also suggested during meeting that all tenders and work orders should contain clauses for mandatory use of CBuD App.</p> <p>Director (SC), Goa proposed to hold the educational cum awareness workshop for all the Authorities so the usage of the App will increase. Director (IT), Goa State appreciated the proposal and asked DoT to plan for such workshop.</p>
8	<p><b>GIS mapping of Street Furniture:</b></p> <p>Discussion was held with regard to GIS mapping of Street Furniture on PM GatiShakti Portal. During discussion, it was informed that the GIS mapping of Electricity poles and building has been carried out the State. However, bus shelter and other street furniture needs to be mapped. Suitable instructions will be issued to respective Authorities.</p>
9	<p><b>Running a Pilot on 5G use Cases:</b></p> <p>With regards to Pilot implementation of 5G Use Cases by Goa state, the discussion held and during discussion DoT teams agreed to provide detailed information about domain experts for setup of pilot 5G projects and work in tandem with the State.</p>
10	<p><b>Holding 5G Conference:</b></p> <p>With regards, organization of 5G conference in Goa, it is suggested to schedule after Lok Sabha Elections 2024.</p>
11	<p><b>Special Assistance Scheme:</b></p> <p>Rs. 50 Cr. Fund is allotted to the Goa State to provide FTTH connections to Govt. Institutions, Private Institutions and Households in each GP. DoT requested the State to utilize this fund at the earliest.</p> <p>Secretary (IT) informed that the State has submitted the proposal to USOF Office for extending last mile connectivity through existing GBBN Network, since Bharatnet is not implemented in the State.</p>

12	<p><b>Implementation of recommendations of Forum of Indian Regulators (FOIR):</b></p> <p>It was requested by DoT to implement the recommendations of Forum of Indian Regulators inter-alia, utilization of DICOMs assets by TSPs/IPs, installation of prepaid meters, Industrial tariff for Mobile Tower sites, One DISCOM-One Bill-One Payment facility and Offset with Green Power.</p> <p>The Chairman agreed to look into it.</p>
	<p><b>Industry specific Issues highlighted by COAI and DIPA</b></p> <p>a. During meeting representative of COAL highlighted the following</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The Goa Telecom Infrastructure policy 2020 is not aligned with Indian Telegraph ROW Rules 2016 in terms of application fee and Government Land usages charges. Further, the representative of COAL stated that in Indian Telegraph ROW Rules 2016 no where it mentioned about application fee of Rs. 10,000/- and also Government land usages charges are very high.</li> <li>ii. ROW permissions are still provided only in Offline mode and payment is not been accepted online. Only DD payment is accepted.</li> </ol> <p>b. The representative of DIPA highlighted that following issues</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Online ROW portal is not working and force them to apply offline. Which get delay in processing.</li> <li>ii. Incase if the Ground Based Masts, Roof Top Tower/Ground Based Tower of similar size as of Roof Top Towers is utilized for/by more than 1 operator/service provider then the Monthly Rentals will be 1.5 times of the applicable rates.</li> <li>iii. Secretary (IT), informed that with regards to application fees and Govt. Land usage charges will be workout out. Meanwhile, COAL &amp; DIPA representatives are directed to submit issues related to Goa Infrastructure Telecom Policy 2020 and once ROW Portal launched, the application will be accepted online and also payment will process online only.</li> </ol>

Meeting ended with vote of thanks.

  
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Director (IT)

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