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**Meeting notice for the second meeting of the State Broadband Committee (SBC) of Assam constituted under the National Broadband Mission - reg**

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Dear Shri Naveen Ji,

Refer to your trailing email regarding **the 2nd SBC meeting of Assam** held at **11:30 AM on 03.02.2022 under the chairmanship of Shri Jishnu Barua, IAS, Hon'ble Chief Secretary of Assam**. Given below are the issues discussed during the meeting for your perusal and consideration:

1. **Deemed Approval Online**: Assam Government will also adopt deemed approval provision online within the next one month. Updated by Assam IT Sec.
2. **Pending Telecom Tower permissions were discussed**: CS directed DoT to kindly ensure that pending permissions to be cleared in a timely manner especially in Forest areas. IT Dept. and Forest Dept. requested to share pending permission details in advance for speedy grant of permissions. DoT will provide details of pending permissions within 30 days in advance to IT Dept. and Forest Dept. All pending permissions will be reviewed within 45 days for Stage-1 clearance.
3. **OFC clearance**: Application under dispute due to payment disconnection. Offline applications which have been submitted in Assam by TSP/ IP have receipts that will be processed. Within the next 3 months, Online RoW Portal for the underground will be made operational. **COAI requested that the Online single window portal should also be made operational for processing the application for the deployment of OFC.**
4. **List of issues**: COAI to share the list of issues faced by members with Mr Abbassi, Additional CS, IT Dept., Assam to take it up further with respective departments for resolution. **A separate committee will be constituted to look into other issues** like connecting the Uncovered villages, etc.
5. **Provision for Aerial OFC**: COAI requested that the current Charges of Rs.1500 need to be rationalised. COAI elaborated the following points

- a. The annual rental per Pole for the deployment of Aerial OFC is exorbitant i.e INR. 1500 per pole. In states like Odisha, etc. the rates are INR 100/- per pole in Urban areas and INR 50/- per pole in Rural areas.
- b. No permission has been granted by the local DISCOM for deploying BTS on the poles.
- c. Usage of Street furniture like Electricity Poles for Aerial OFC. Availability of Electricity Poles for deploying Small Cells and Aerial OFC (also prescribed in amendment dated 21-10-2021 for IT RoW Rules 2016)

**It was agreed that COAI will submit the Charges being levied for using poles for aerial fibre in other States.**

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6. **Safety and security of Telecom Infrastructure:** COAI thanked CS, Assam for issuing directions for the safety and security of Telecom Infrastructure at the request of COAI.

7. **EMF Issue:** COAI requested Hon'ble CS of Assam to run a mass awareness program/ a mass campaign for the general public to debunk the prevailing EMF myths across the State as EMF concerns are hindering the roll-out of Telecom Infrastructure across the State.

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8. **Additional charges be waived off:**

- a. It was requested that Annual Charges mentioned in Assam Telecom Infrastructure Policy, 2018 be waived off in alignment with RoW rules, 2016 and the same needs to be implemented across the State.
- b. No permission charges be levied against the installation of Telecom Infrastructure in remote villages not covered under USOF funds.

9. **Pending EB Connection:** It was requested to expedite the pending EB connection and company-wise (not site-wise) Online bills to be provided on registered email ID, to avoid any delay/penalty. EB tariff should be charged at industrial rates/essential service rates.

10. **Nodal officer appointment:** Departmental wise Nodal officer to be appointed for addressing telecom related issues.

11. **District level Telecom Committee (DTLC) meetings:** DTLC meetings to be done under the chairmanship of DC on a quarterly level.

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12. **A 'Dig Once' and 'Call before you Dig' policy be encouraged** as part of State Policy.

13. **Common Ducts facilities should be facilitated by the State Authorities** for laying OFC and EB cables during new / widening of road constructions.

The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks.

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On behalf of COAI, we would like to thank you for giving us an opportunity to discuss the industry's issues. We will look forward to your continued support to resolve the industry issues to make Assam State Digitally advanced.

Kindly contact us for any further information/clarifications.



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To,

1. Cellular Operators Association of India, New Delhi (Special Invitee)
2. Digital Infrastructure Providers Association, New Delhi (Special Invitee)

with reference to the 2nd SBC meeting convened by this office as per the trailing mail, you are requested to provide the brief of issues/grievances for inclusion in the MoM and further necessary action in this regard. The details may kindly be furnished by tomorrow 10 AM positively.

Regards,  
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