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Minutes of the 2nd meeting of State Broadband Committee of Assam
held on 03/02/2022.

The 2nd State Broadband Committee (SBC) meeting under National Broadband Mission was held under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary Assam on 03,02,2022, 11:30 AM at the conference hall of Chief Secretary, Assam 3rd Floor, Janta Bhawan

Following members were present in the meeting

S.N.	SBC Members
1.	Shri Jishnu Barua IAS, Chief Secretary, Government. of Assam
2.	Shri S Abbasi IAS, Additional Chief Secretary (IT), Government. of Assam
3.	Shri M K Yadav IFS, Additional Principal Chief Conservator(wildlife)
4.	Shri Niraj Varma IAS, Principal Secretary (Home & Political)
5.	Shri Ashutosh Sharma ITS, Sr.DDG, Assam LSA, DoT
6.	Shri Pankaj das ITS, CGM, BBNL
7.	Shri G. Adam ITS, GM, Representative from BSNL
8.	Representative from COAI
9.	Representative from DIPA
Other Participants	
10.	Shri C.P. Samant ITS, DDG (Rural) ,Assam LSA, DoT
11.	Shri G D Tripathi, Commissioner& Secretary, Science &Technology Department, Government. of Assam
12.	Shri Deo Shankar ITS, Director(Rural-I), Assam LSA, DoT
13.	Shri Beeran Prajapati ITS, Director(Rural-II), Assam LSA,DoT
14.	Shri Amit Kumar ITS, ADG(Rural-II), Assam LSA, DoT
14.	Shri Naveen Thaduri ITS, ADG(Rural-I), Assam LSA, DoT
15.	Shri Parvez Amin ACS, Joint Secretary to the Government of Assam

Shri Ashutosh Sharma ITS, Sr.DDG, Assam LSA & member-convenor welcomed the Chairman and members of the SBC to the meeting and briefed the committee of the pivotal role played by Telecommunications in the socio-economic development of the nation and outlined the objectives of **National Broadband Mission**.

A detailed presentation was given by Assam LSA, DoT on the agenda of the meeting and issues to be put up before the committee.

The following issues were discussed/agreed upon during the presentation:

1. Provision of deemed approval under state's RoW policy: The section 9(2)(b) of the state's RoW guideline has the provision for deemed approval, within a stipulated time of 60 days.

Additional Chief Secretary (IT) had given assurance for the incorporation of the provision in state's RoW portal to auto generate a deemed approval certificate by 60th day from the date of application subject to the fulfilment of the deemed approval conditions given in the section 9(2)(b) of the state's RoW guideline.

[Issuance of Provisional NoC in terms of Deemed Approval after 60 days from the date of application and after successful online payment of RoW fee to be incorporated at Assam RoW Portal]

[Action to be taken by : DITEC]

2. With respect to the clearance from forest department in general and for the 138 USOF sites in particular:

Additional Principal Chief Conservator(wildlife) has given assurance to clear the pending 138 RoW applications within 45 days. He has requested the Assam LSA, DoT to submit lat, long of the sites. – (Details @ Annexure-I)

3. Issue of Pending RoW Permissions: Committee was informed that 4310 sites are pending due to various reasons and one of the main reason is missing of application forms in DC offices.

Additional Chief Secretary (IT) agreed that, instructions will be issued to all DCs to accept the old fee receipt acknowledgments as fees paid and issue NoC based on those.

[Issue of Pending RoW Permissions: Committee was informed by the Sr. DDG, Assam LSA, DoT that 4310 numbers of RoW applications are pending with District Administration from a long time due to various reasons. In reply to this the Additional Chief Secretary (IT) informed that most of the applications are pending due to non- availability of records in the DC office (1857 numbers) and pending with TSPs (952 numbers) which are Reverted from DC office for additional information/documents/pending payments.

For missing documents/documents not submitted: IT Department, Government of Assam will instruct all District Administration to issue NoC for the long pending offline RoW applications which fulfils the following conditions:

- a. Fee receipt paid to the concerned authorities.***
- b. No Public Grievance for the particular site. (Self-declaration from the respective TSP may be taken)***
- c. Site is operational and emitting Radiation as per norms and structure of the towers is stable (Self declaration from the respective TSP may be taken)***

[Action to be taken by : IT Department]

For the RoW applications which are pending due to TSP: DoT will issue directive to the concerned TSP to comply/co-ordinate with District Authority within 30 days.]

[Action to be taken by : DoT]

4. Inclusion of Underground Infrastructure in RoW Portal:

Additional Chief Secretary (IT) informed that inclusion of underground telegraph infrastructure in RoW Portal will be completed within 3 months.

[The telecom licensees are not abiding by the Assam RoW Guidelines, 2018 for seeking RoW permission for underground telegraph. Further, this has led to revenue loss of the RoW fees for underground infrastructure. Sensitization of the telecom licensees in this regard to be exercised by DoT, Gol/DoT, Assam LSA urgently. This would also facilitate all the stakeholders in aligning with the processes of the Underground Infrastructure RoW Permission to be incorporated at the Assam RoW Portal after 3 months]

[Action to be taken by : DoT & DITEC]

5. With respect to revising the current charges of Rs.1500/pole/year for LT poles for overhead OFC,

Additional Chief Secretary (IT) has conveyed that as per his knowledge a decision has already been taken in this regard and he will convey the details if any with DoT.

[IT Department will discuss the matter with Power Department and will take necessary action.]

[Action to be taken by : IT Department]

6. Chief Secretary has proposed to include one member each from the Autonomous Councils of 6th schedule areas, in the next SBC meetings.

Committee has unanimously agreed with the proposal. Principal Secretary (Home& Political) has been requested to liaison with the Autonomous Councils in this regard.

7. The DIPA representatives have raised the issue of theft of telecom tower infrastructure.

Chief secretary has suggested them to submit the list of all such cases to Additional Chief Secretary(IT) for coordination of the resolutions with the Department of Home& Political affairs. (-Annexure-II)

[CS stated that the matter may be taken up with Additional Chief Secretary, IT Department for necessary action.]

[Action to be taken by: DoT & IT Department]

8. DIPA has requested the Chief Secretary to issue instructions to all DCs to convene District Telecom Committee (DTC) meetings regularly.

Chief Secretary has agreed to issue instructions in this regard.

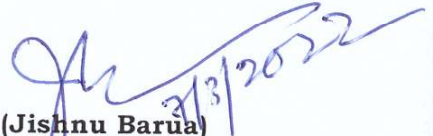
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[Action to be taken by: IT Department]

9. COAI has raised the issue of high charges w.r.t LT poles for overhead OFC and quoted the case of other states where charges have been reduced. In this regard

Additional Chief Secretary(IT) has requested to share the concerned state Government's notification for the perusal of Assam state government. (Annexure III & IV)

Meeting concluded with vote of thanks by Assam LSA.


(Jishnu Barua)
Chief Secretary, Assam

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Copy: for kind information to:

1. Administrator (USOF), Sanchar Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. Mission Director-NBM, DGTHQ, New Delhi.
3. All the Members concerned.

Enclosed: Annexure-I, II, III, IV as above.

(Ashutosh Sharma ITS)
Sr. DDG, Assam LSA, DoT