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Minutes of Meeting

The first meeting of State Broadband Committee of J&K UT (SBC- J&K UT) was held on 28.10.2020 under the Chairmanship of Sh. BVR Subrahmanyam, Chief Secretary, Govt. of J&K UT.

1. The meeting was attended by the following officers:

- (i) Shri Shaleen Kabra, Administrative Secretary, Govt. of J&K UT, Home Department.
- (ii) Shri Simrandeep Singh, Administrative Secretary, Govt. of J&K UT, IT Department.
- (iii) Ms Sarita Chauhan, Commissioner Secretary, Govt. of J&K UT, Forest Department.
- (iv) Shri Rajnish Kumar, Additional Secretary, Public Works (R&B) Department.
- (v) Shri Dheeraj Gupta, Administrative Secretary, Govt. of J&K UT, Housing and Urban Development Department

2. The following officers attended the meeting through video conferencing:

- (vi) Shri Ashok Kumar Tiwari, Sr. DDG, DoT, J&K LSA, Jammu.
- (vii) Shri Radheshyam Parmar, DDG (Rural), DoT, J&K LSA, Jammu.
- (viii) Shri Kailash Chandra, Director (Rural), DoT, J&K LSA, Jammu.
- (ix) Shri Sachin, ADET (Rural), DoT, J&K LSA, Jammu.
- (x) Shri Sanjiv Tyagi, PGM, BSNL, Jammu
- (xi) Shri Rajiv Goyal, CGM, BBNL, Chandigarh
- (xii) Shri T. R. Dua, Vice President, TAIPA, Delhi
- (xiii) Shri Kapil Bhateja, Assistant Vice President, TAIPA, Delhi
- (xiv) Dr. J. Jena, DDG, COAI, Delhi

3. The meeting Started with the introduction of participants and welcome address by Sr. DDG, DoT, J&K LSA, Jammu. Following agenda points were discussed and decisions were taken:

- a) **RoW Policy:** - It was informed that RoW policy of J&K UT will be approved and notified by November 2020.
- b) **RoW online Portal:** - Initially, RoW cases will be dealt offline and will gradually be shifted to online mode after the launch of a dedicated portal in this regard.
- c) **Preparation of Agreed List of Villages:** - The Chief Secretary highlighted that more than 500 villages on border areas do not have proper mobile coverage. The chairman emphasized that Telecom Service Providers like BSNL and others should carryout survey for assessment of proper mobile coverage in the border villages of J&K UT.

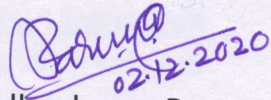
- d) **Broadband Readiness Index (BRI):** - The BRI information to be furnished by J&K UT was discussed and the Chief Secretary asked DoT to compile the information after collection of data from all the stakeholders. The Chief Secretary assured that the BRI information will be furnished for the relevant points by end of November 2020.
- e) **Formation of District Level Committee (DLC):** - The Chief Secretary informed that as per the RoW policy, the DLC will be formed once RoW is notified.
- f) **"Har Ghar" Fiber:** - The Chief Secretary observed that the Broadband (FTTH) should be made available to the entire population of Jammu and Kashmir in a phased manner on the lines of schemes "HAR GHAR NAL SE JAL YOJNA" under Jal Jeevan Mission.
- g) **Bharat Net:** - The Sr. DDG, J&K LSA informed that there are 4297 Gram Panchayats in J&K UT. BharatNet broadband in 1105 Gram Panchayats have already been provided through OFC/VSAT. The remaining 3195 Gram Panchayats will also be covered by BSNL in phased manner.

The Chief Secretary conveyed that the status of broadband in Jammu and Kashmir is among the poorest in the country and impressed upon the DoT to review the status and accelerate the progress of provisioning of BharatNet to the Gram Panchayats.

- h) **DG TAIPA,** raised the operational issues like non-availability of power supply, sealing of mobile tower sites and pendency of NOC etc. The Chief Secretary assured that the security of mobile towers is of utmost importance and pendency of NOC will be resolved once the RoW is notified.
- i) **DDG COAI,** informed that army in J&K UT has plenty of land and optical fiber which can be shared with the TSPs. The Chief Secretary advised DoT to take up the matter with Ministry of Defence separately through MoD/MoC as Jammu and Kashmir has international border and sensitive from security angle.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks by Sr. DDG, J&K LSA, Jammu.

This has been issued with the approval of Chief Secretary, J&K UT.


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