

**Proceedings of the 1st Meeting of the State Broadband Committee held on Thursday, 10/9/2020 under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, GOK**

Hon'ble Chief Secretary, Government of karnataka welcomed the members and started the meeting. The following subjects were discussed with the emphasis on the compliance of the objectives of the National Broadband Mission.

<b>SL.N O</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Actions to be taken</b>	<b>Concerned department</b>
1.	About increasing the number of telecommunication towers under the National Broadband Mission	1. Senior advisors, LSA, Karnataka, DoT have been instructed by Chief secretary to provide the latitude and longitude data of telecommunication towers already installed in Karnataka to the Department of Electronics, Information Technology, Biotechnology and Technology and provide permission to the State Government to utilize the NEP Portal database.	LSA- Karnataka, DoT & The Department of Electronics, Information Technology, Biotechnology and Science and Technology
		2. The E governance department has been instructed to depute the work of updation of GIS Maps of appropriate locations for setting up telecommunication towers in various districts of the state that are provided by LSA- Karnataka, DoT.	KRSAC & E-Governance Department
		3. The Department of IT and BT has been instructed to prepare a blueprint for the towers to be installed in the State for the next 5 years by adopting the information provided by the KRSAC. This information has to be shared with TAIPA for execution of the same.	TAIPA & Department of Electronics, Information Technology, Biotechnology and Science and Technology

2.	About increasing Optical Fiber connectivity in the state.	1. The Chief Secretary instructed the Senior Advisors, LSA-Karnataka, DoT, to submit the information and map to the Department of Electronics, Information Technology, Biotechnology and Science and Technology, which has already installed Optical Fiber Cable in the State of Karnataka.	LSA-Karnataka, DoT, & Department of Electronics, Information Technology, Biotechnology and Science and Technology
		2. Based on the information provided by LSA-Karnataka, DoT, E-Governance Department was instructed to deploy KRSAC to identify suitable locations for OFC cables to be installed in Karnataka State.	KRSAC & E-Governance Department
		3. The Department of IT and BT has been instructed to prepare a blueprint for Optical Fiber Cables in the State of Karnataka in the next 5 years using the information provided by KRSAC.	TAIPA, (COAI) & Department of Electronics, Information Technology, Biotechnology and Science and Technology
		4. Furthermore, In addition, all optical fiber cable / telecom tower permits issued in the state are required to include GPS coordinates, and this information is to be uploaded to the online web portal developed by the Directorate of municipal administration.	DMA and & Local Bodies
3.	Broadband connectivity to all villages in the state and fiber connectivity to households.	1. It was directed to the Additional Chief Secretary, Department of e-Governance, to provide Broadband and Optical Fiber connectivity information and map details to the Department of Electronics, Information Technology, Biotechnology and Science and Technology which is already been implemented under the KSWAN Project in the State.	Department of E-Governance.

		2. DoT - Karnataka was instructed to connect to other villages using the Optical Fiber connections already operationalized based on the information provided by the E-Governance Department.	DoT – Karnataka.
4.	Amendments that are to proposed to the existing tower infrastructure installation and laying of OFC policy rules and regulations	1. "Karnataka Installation of New Telecommunication Infrastructure Tower Regulations 2019" and the Optical Fiber Cable ", The draft rules notified in 2015 are to be rolled out with due emphasis on financial stability of local bodies and public safety. In this regard, the Urban Development Department was instructed by Chief secretary to issue an amendment to these two rules within 15 days.	Department of Urban Development .
		2. 2. In addition, both these rules are presently applicable only to urban local bodies and the Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj has been instructed to issue a draft notification within 15 days of its adoption in rural areas.	Department of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj.
		3. The Department of Electronics, Information Technology, Biotechnology and Science and Technology was instructed to convene a meeting of the relevant departments and institutions to amend the above rules.	Department of Electronics, Information Technology, Biotechnology and Science and Technology

5.	Miscellaneous Issues	With regard to the matter proposed by the Association of Tower and Infrastructure Providers following suggestions were proposed by the chief secretary which are listed below:	
		1. The Urban Development Department was instructed to obtain the Structural Stability Certificate instead of Occupancy Certificate when permission is accorded for installation of telecommunication tower, and the same has to be examined by UDD.	Department of Urban Development
		2. The Department of Electronics, Information Technology, Biotechnology and Science and Technology was instructed to appoint the Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Energy as member of the State Broadband Committee to address the day to day field level problems faced by the tower and infrastructure providers and the Department of Electronics, Information Technology, Biotechnology and Science and Technology has been instructed to direct and notify that all the ESCOMS to comply with the permit already provided by the local bodies without seeking for further NOCs in connection with the power supply to the towers.	Department of Electronics, Information Technology, Biotechnology and Science and Technology.
		3. The Chief Secretary informed that all Departments and Authorities that are involved with the construction of roads must comply with the "Compulsory Duct" policy.	

		4. All concerned departments and institutions will be directed to expedite applications pending approval of telecommunication towers and Optical Fiber Cable.	
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The meeting ended with vote of thanks.