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Minutes of the 3rd State Broadband Committee (SBC) Meeting chaired by the Chief Secretary Government of Meghalaya held on 7th April 2022 at 3.30 PM, in Main Secretariat, Shillong

The 3rd SBC meeting was held on the 7th April 2022 and was chaired by Smtl. R.V Suchiang, Chief Secretary, Government of Meghalaya who welcomed all the members & invitees present.

The following members and invitees attended the meeting.

Attendance Sheet (Annexure – A)

Other Members/Invitees below have attended the meeting through VC:

- 1) Shri. Ravi Goel, Sr. DDG NE LSA & Member Convener SBC Meghalaya
- 2) Shri. Pankaj Das, Principal GM, BBNL
- 3) Deputy Commissioners of Districts
- 4) District Nodal Officers (Telecom) of Districts
- 5) CEOs/ EOs of Municipal Corporations, TPOs of Urban Affair Department
- 6) CEs/ACEs Zonal Divisions MePDCL
- 7) Chief Electrical Inspector, Power Department
- 8) DFOs (Territorial) of all Divisions, Forest & Environment Department
- 9) Shri. T.R. Dua, DG- DIPA
- 10) Shri. Harpreet Singh, Northeast Regional Head- DIPA
- 11) Shri. Kshem Kapoor, COAI
- 12) Shri. Anand Kajla, Dy GM TCIL
- 13) Shri. D. Lato, Bharti Hexacom Ltd (Airtel) – USOF 4G project

The main objective of the meeting is to increase coordination to fast-track telecom penetration in the State as well as to sort out any issues, in order to expedite execution and roll out of the Telecommunication projects in the State under the National Broadband Mission. This Mission envisages enabling fast track growth of Digital Communication Infrastructure, bridging the digital divide, digital empowerment, and inclusion, and providing an affordable and universal access of broadband for all by the year 2022.

While briefing the Annual Implementation Plan (AIP), the Chair enquired about the current progress of Broadband connectivity. NELSA apprised the Chair on the present status and that the broad band connectivity to villages is 76.2% and is calculated based on the number of villages covered with 3G and 4G connectivity.

The Chair recommended that the broadband speed (Mbps) and quality of service need to be improved even as the telecom penetration is improving in the State.

(Action: DoT-GOI NE LSA)

Points discussed and decisions taken:

1. Shri. Dilip Kumar, DDG (Rural) North East License Service Area NE-1 Telecom Circle (NE LSA), Department of Telecom Government of India made a presentation as per the agenda.