

**Minutes of Meeting
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**No. 5/14/2023-3MC
Government of Haryana
General Administration Department
(Monitoring & Coordination Cell)**

**Haryana Civil Secretariat
Dated, Chandigarh, the 14th June, 2023**

To

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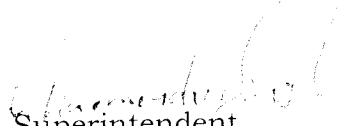
Subject :- Minutes of Meeting of 1st State Broadband Committee (SBC) quarterly meeting for FY 2023-24 held under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Haryana on 25th May, 2023 at 03:30 pm in Main Committee Room, 4th Floor, Haryana Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh.

Respected Sir/Madam,

Please refer your D.O. letter No. HR-LSA/Rural/2022/ROW-NBM dated 20th March, 2023 and even No dated 28th April, 2023 and this office letter No. 5/14/2023-3MC dated 24th May, 2023 on the subject cited above.

2. I am directed to enclosed herewith a copy of Minutes of Meeting of the subject cited above. You are requested to forward the same to all concerned at your end.

Yours faithfully,


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MINUTES OF MEETING

First State Broadband Committee (SBC) quarterly meeting for FY 2023-24 was held under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Haryana on 25 May 2023 at 03:30 PM in Main Committee Room, 4th Floor, Haryana Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh.

List of participants is at Annexure-A

At the outset, after a brief round of introduction, DDG Telecom, DoT Haryana presented the agenda items before the SBC and following decisions were taken:-

Agenda Item No. 1: Alignment of State RoW Policy (CCIP-17) in accordance with Central RoW Rules, 2016 (as amended from time to time in 2017, 2021 and 2022):

- i)** Alignment of State RoW Policy for Over-ground Telegraph Infrastructure (Towers):

It was informed that for over-ground Telegraph (Towers) in Central RoW Rules, there are no compensation charges, but in the State Policy, Right to use/RoW annual charges are being levied in all the cases including private land and buildings. The charges are Rs. 15,000/- per annum for urban areas and Rs. 5000/- per annum for rural areas. ADG Telecom, DoT Haryana requested that these charges may be kept as Nil. CS advised the committee to analyse this agenda item from both legal and financial perspectives. PSCM informed that under section 10 of the Telegraph Act, there is a provision for right to compensation and added that if land becomes unusable, then RoW should be payable. Cellular Operator Association of India (COAI) representative informed that legally it is not mandatory and also that charges being levied by the State are on a higher side. It was decided that clause related to charging annual fee from private land and building in State RoW Policy may be amended.

It was further informed that as per amended Central RoW Rules, no permission is required, only intimation along with Structure Stability Certificate (SSC) in the prescribed format is to be submitted. PSCM pointed out that the legality of building or property needs to be ensured before mounting any telecom infrastructure. It was decided that procedure for permission at Private Land needs to be simplified in line with Central RoW Rules.

- ii)** Alignment of State RoW Policy for Existing Poles/Street Furniture for Telegraph Line/Small Cell:

It was informed that as per Central RoW Rules the application fee for using street furniture for 5G small cells is Nil and in CCIP also no such

charges are mentioned. Compensation charges for small cell and over ground telegraph lines (Aerial OFC) in CCIP are higher as compared to Central RoW rules. PSCM suggested that applications fee and compensation charges for using street furniture/poles/structure may be aligned for 5G small cell deployment and over ground telegraph lines (Aerial OFC). He also suggested that TSP/IP may allow local bodies/department to use 02 dark fibers from OFC for their use. COAI assured to examine the proposal in consultation with TSPs. PSCM further informed that progress on 5G forms development will be reviewed on 01-06-2023 in the 5G working group committee meeting. The SBC agreed to above views on policy alignment as per Central RoW Rules and desired that the policy may be amended accordingly. CS desired that mapping of street furniture data on NMP Portal may be ensured on priority as further delay may impact 5G penetration in the State.

iii) Alignment of State RoW Policy - New Poles for Telegraph Lines/Small Cells and overhead telegraph lines (OFC):

It was informed that in central RoW rules for new poles installation on the property of Central Govt. property, there is no application fee and in other cases application fee of Rs.1,000/- is applicable. Moreover, there are no compensation charges. Whereas in CCIP an application fee of Rs. 10,000/- on the pattern of Towers and annual charges Rs. 1,000/- are being charged. DIPA and COAI requested to rationalise the charges for Poles and to consider not charging fee for Poles as per Tower rates. SBC agreed to align the CCIP in line with Central Row Rules for new poles for small cells and overhead telegraph lines (OFC) and requested to incorporate necessary amendments.

iv) Alignment of State RoW Policy for Under-ground Telegraph Infrastructure (U/G Cables):

It was intimated that in Central Row Rules, there are no compensation charges for U/G cables but in CCIP annual rent for Pits & Manholes is being charged. For restoration Bank Guarantee (BG) for full amount calculated is being taken in CCIP, whereas in Central RoW Rules BG @ 20% of sum required as per CPWD/PWD is being taken. The issue was discussed and it was observed that there will be different PWD rates in different areas of the State, and it will complicate and delay BG calculation. This may lead to delay in issuing RoW NOC/Permission. PSCM suggested that BG @ 20% of sum required may be standardised and kept as fixed. CS desired that a fixed amount of BG in the State may be finalised by C&S ULB. CS desired that compensation rates may be aligned with Central RoW Rules.

Agenda Item No. 2: High Pendency of RoW Applications and Implementation of Deemed approval clause in the Invest Haryana Portal:

It was informed that total 870 applications were pending as on date, out of which 381 applications were pending for more than 45 days. Further, district wise and department wise pendency was also reviewed. DIPA requested that DLTC meetings should be conducted regularly for timely disposal and to avoid wrong rejection. Addl. DG Telecom apprised the SBC that deemed approval clause is included in the CCIP but not implemented in the portal and the same has been pointed out by the Secretary-Telecom in the monthly review. PSCM suggested that for underground cables, deemed approval may be granted on completion of 45 days only after GPR survey submission. Chief Secretary desired that deemed approval in Invest Haryana Portal for the above ground (Tower/Poles) applications may be implemented at the earliest. SBC desired that District Authorities may be directed to hold regularly DLTC at DC/ADC level to resolve RoW issues.

Agenda Item No. 3: High rate of rejection of RoW Applications in Haryana

It was informed that RoW rejection rate is very high in Haryana and about 66% applications are rejected, which is highest across the States. It was further informed that a meeting has been held with IPs and some points requiring action are as follows:

- a) In many cases RoW applications with Structural Stability certificate (SSC) from authorised/registered structural engineer are not being accepted & the IPs are asked to submit SSC from the specific institutes which is not in accordance with CCIP.
- b) In many cases the Payment Link is not active. The IPs are asked to make payment by Demand Draft & applications get rejected due to inability to make payment in time.
- c) In many cases the applications are rejected due to documents not submitted but the details of documents required are not shared.
- d) In many cases the Demand Notes for Annual RoU/RoW charges have been raised mandatorily for 5 years whereas as per CCIP clause no. 2.1.1 this is optional for the applicant. 16 cases of Bharti Airtel in Panchkula district were rejected due to this reason.

CS observed that SSC from authorised structural engineer as per CCIP should be accepted and instructions may be issued to implement the same at the earliest. The demand note of annual charges may be issued as per policy. However, he suggested that IP companies should not have any issue to pay consolidated charges for 5 years to avoid annual renewal. It was discussed that detail of documents required is not specified at the time of raising query or rejection by the department. PSCM suggested that for both issues, i.e., Payment link and checklist of documents required details while deciding the

applications may be addressed by doing necessary modification in the Invest Haryana portal.

Agenda Item No. 4: Call Before u Dig (CBuD) User mapping and use:

It was informed that CBuD App was launched at national level on 22 March 2023. The current status of asset owners mapped by the departments and excavators registered in the CBuD App was presented to the SBC and it was further informed that the CBuD App has now been extended upto Block/Taluka Level. The lesser number of enquiries indicate that excavators have not yet started using the App in the State. DoT has notified Indian Telegraph (Infrastructure Safety) Rules 2022 on 03 January 2023 which mandates use of Portal/Mobile App and casting liability on excavator to notify any likely excavation through the App to the telegraph/telecom licensee. It was requested that the Government of Haryana may notify similar rules for the safety of State Assets. All Excavation/ digging agencies may be mandated by State to do any type of excavation only after prior intimation through CBuD App. Chief Secretary appreciated the efforts and agreed that there should definitely be some monitoring platform for such digging activities and desired that all the user departments/agencies may ensure use of the App for mutual benefits. He also desired DoT Office may circulate a writeup on CBuD mobile App for greater understanding and wide applications.


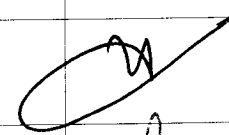




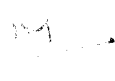
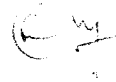


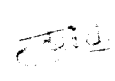


GM BSNL apprised the SBC about the status of 4G mobile and new mobile tower installation in 05 villages regarding 4G saturation projects under USOF schemes. BSNL has issued APO to TCS for 1 lakh 4G BTS from Indigenous technology which will commence from July 2023 onwards. In Haryana, 2483 4G BTS will be installed in next one year by BSNL in all urban/rural areas of 22 districts to provide high speed data services at affordable prices to all citizens of Haryana. It was further apprised that all these BTS will be upgraded to 5G next year through software up-gradation only.



CS appreciated the efforts of BSNL and desired that mobile coverage in remote areas of the State esp. the areas falling in Kalesar, Dabwali & Faridabad shall be improved. GM BSNL assured to comply with these observations on priority.

Meeting ended with thanks to all participants.

Attendance Sheet

Meeting of State Broadband Committee (SBC) held under the Chairmanship of Worthy Chief Secretary, Haryana, on 25.05.2023 at 03:30 P.M. at 4th Floor, in Main Committee Room, Haryana Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh.

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