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Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of Gujarat State Broadband Committee for the year 2023-24 was held on 21.11.2023

The 2nd meeting of Gujarat State Broadband Committee (SBC) for the year 2023-24 was held on 21-11-2023 under the Chairmanship of Shri Raj Kumar Chief Secretary Governemnt of Gujarat at Conference Hall of Chief Secretary, Govt. of Gujarat in Gandhinagar. Shri. Ajatshatru Somani , Addl. DGT, DoT, Gujarat LSA was the convenor of the meeting. The meeting was attended by:

➤ *Government of Gujarat Side:*

1. Ms Mona Khandhar, Principal Secretary, Department of Science & Technology, Panchayat, Rural Housing & Rural Development Department Govt. of Gujarat
2. Ms Mamta Verma, Principal Secretary, Energy Petrochemicals Department, Government of Gujarat
3. Shri Sanjeev Kumar, Principal Secretary, Forest & Environment Department, Government of Gujarat
4. Shri P. Swaroop, Secretary of Land Reforms, Revenue Department, Government of Gujarat
5. Shri R G Gohil, Secretary of Housing, Department of Urban Development and Urban housing Department, Government of Gujarat.
6. Shri C P Patel Chief Engineer Roads & Building Department.

➤ *Department of Telecom. Side:*

1. Shri Alok Shukla, DDG (Technology), DoT, Gujarat LSA
2. Shri Ashish Thaker, DDG (Rural), DoT, Gujarat LSA
3. Dr. Kunj B. Sharma, Director (Rural), DoT, Gujarat LSA
4. Shri Bipin Khot, Director (Technology), DoT, Gujarat LSA
5. Ms. Yadav Neha Jaiprakash, ADET (Rural), DoT, Gujarat LSA
6. Shri. Ganpat Patel, AD (Rural), DoT, Gujarat LSA
7. Shri. Kamal Panwar, Consultant (Rural), DoT, Gujarat LSA

➤ *BSNL / BBNL Side:*

1. Shri Dharmendra Sharma, PGM, BBNL, Gujarat.
2. Shri Hemant Pandey, PGM (CM), BSNL Gujarat

➤ *COAI / DIPA Representative through Video Conferencing.*

At the outset, Shri Ajatshatru Somani, Addl. DGT, DoT, Gujarat LSA and convener of the State Broadband Committee (SBC) welcomed Chairman and all the members of the committee. Further, Addl. DGT, DoT, Gujarat LSA briefed the committee about the objectives of National Broadband Mission (NBM), role of SBC and actions to be taken to achieve the mission objectives.

A detailed presentation was made by Dr. Kunj B. Sharma, Director (Rural), Gujarat LSA covering all the agenda points of the meeting.

1. Status of 5G Roll-Out:

A. Status of 5G Roll-out in Gujarat:

The district wise status of working 5G sites in Gujarat state was discussed.

B. 5G Roll-out issues in Gujarat:

- i. State authorities suggested that street furniture like electric pole have insufficient height i.e. 8 m only in Ahmedabad. So, there may be some issues of ground clearance with this height.
- ii. The aesthetics of the Street furniture should be maintained while installing the 5G equipment on street furniture. A suggestion was made by the Chair to involve National Institute of Design for the designing the deployment of the 5G equipment on Street furniture.
- iii. It was suggested that High Transmission poles should not be used for deployment of 5G equipment as it has safety hazard.
- iv. Duct policy may be implemented for urban area as it has higher tele-density and should not be implemented in rural areas as the tele-density is low.

2. 4G saturation project:

A. Status of 4G Saturation project & Work carried out by BSNL / DoT

- i. Director (Rural) summarized the department wise land allotment status for 4G Saturation Project

B. 4 G Saturation issues in Gujarat State.

- i. 23 sites are pending due to forest land clearance issues. The issue is pending at BSNL end due to non-payment of required amount. The Chair instructed to pay the required amount for the clearance before board level meeting so that these sites can be shifted from stage-1 to stage-2. BSNL ensured for the payment at the earliest.
- ii. Shri Hemant Pandey PGM (BSNL) told that one rural site in Surat and one site in *Chota Udepur* are pending due to high rent issues (more than Rs. 24000/- per annum).

The Revenue Department was instructed to consider BSNL's request to decrease the annual rent, setting a limit of Rs. 24,000/-.

- iii. Shri Hemant Pandey PGM (BSNL) told about higher demand note (more than 2 lakh per site) issued at 24 villages by Electricity board.

The Energy & Petrochemicals Department was instructed to review the increased demand notes issued by DISCOMs for the deployment of Mobile Towers under the USOF Saturation 4G Mobile Services project.

3. Industrial Facilitations Measures:

A. Minimizing ROW Pendency as compared with Last Meeting & ROW Clearance from State Govt. Side.

- i. The Chair directed for the department wise review of all pending RoW cases. Also, it was requested to all the departments to ensure that the pendency does not exceed 60 days.

B. CBUD (Call Before U Dig) utilization:

- i. It was decided that the hierarchical mapping should be done as per the major Municipal Corporations.

C. DLC (District Level Committee) formation

- i. It was decided that the DLC would be formed only for 8 major Municipal Corporations and for Urban Development and Urban Housing Department. Concerned departments will follow it.

4. Digital Inclusion:

A. DCRI:

- i. The matter of establishing an Inter Departmental Coordination Committee (IDCC) for DCRI was discussed deliberately. It was decided that the committee would be constituted under the chairmanship of the Principal Secretary (DST), and quarterly meet would be convened to review the progress.

B. Measures taken to improve utilization of BharatNet Fiber BBNL and GFGNL:

- i. It was suggested that FTTH connections of BharatNet Fiber BBNL and GFGNL to be provided to five Govt. institutions: Schools, Anganwadi, PHCs/CHCs, GPs, Police stations. State informed that currently Schools and Anganwadi are provided with the FTTH connections.

5. MTCTE Framework Implementation: Shri Alok Shukla, DDG (T) apprised The Chair regarding the Department of Telecom's MTCTE framework and DO Letter dated 17th Oct 2023, sent by Secretary (Telecom). The Chair was briefed on the necessity of ensuring that only MTCTE-certified Telecom and Networking products are procured and connected in the Indian Telecom Network, as per the Indian Telegraph (Amendment) Rules 2017.

The Chair told that all Gujarat State Government procurement occurs through GeM only so D.O.T. ensure that only MTCTE-certified telecom equipment available on GEM portal.

6. Integration of Wi-Fi Hotspots with PM-WANI Framework: Integration of Wi-Fi Hotspots of the Government of Gujarat and the Smart Cities of Gujarat with the PM-WANI framework was also deliberated upon. The Ministry of Urban Development's letter (dated 20th May 2022) to all CEOs of Smart Cities was shared during the discussion.

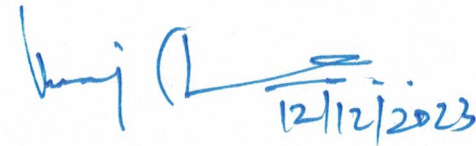
The Chair instructed the Department of Science and Technology (DST) to take necessary measures to integrate Wi-Fi hotspots with PM-WANI. The Deputy Director from DST

informed that the process is underway and is expected to be completed in the next few weeks.

7. Skilling Targets in Telecom Domain: A request was made to The Chair for assigning skilling targets in the telecom domain, specifically in areas like 5G, IoT, etc., to ensure the availability of skilled manpower in telecom technologies.

The Chair recommended the Gujarat LSA to coordinate with relevant departments and explore the use of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds of TSPs for providing master trainers and fulfilling training requirements in institutes.

The meeting was concluded with vote of Thanks by Shri Ashish Thaker, DDG (Rural)-2, Gujarat LSA, DoT to Chief Secretary Gujarat Govt. and all other members of the SBC.



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6. Principal Secretary, Forest and Environment Department.
7. Secretary, Department of Science & Technology
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12. Joint Managing Director, Gujarat Industrial Development Corporation (GIDC).
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