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Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas

E&S Division

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Dated: 06<sup>th</sup> March, 2026

**Office Memorandum**

**Subject: Guidelines for Oil & Gas CPSEs/attached offices on Telecom Infrastructure (RoW Matters)**

The undersigned is directed to refer to attached D.O No. 5-5/2024-NBM dated 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025 from Department of Telecommunication on the above captioned subject. After multiple discussions with the officers of MoPNG, DoT and Oil and Gas CPSEs, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG) has framed the following mutually consented guidelines for Oil & Gas CPSEs /attached offices on Telecom Infrastructure (RoW Matters) :

**A. Installation of Mobile Tower:**

Considering the criticality and safety sensitivity of petroleum installations, permission for installation of telecom towers shall be examined on a case-to-case basis, taking into account site-specific safety considerations, statutory requirements, and operational and maintenance feasibility.

In order to ensure uniformity in processing applications for installation of mobile towers, Oil & Gas companies under the administrative control of the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas and its attached offices may follow the Telecommunications (Right of Way) Rules, 2024, notified by the Department of Telecommunications vide Gazette Notification G.S.R. 576(E) dated 17th September, 2024, for processing applications relating to installation of mobile towers on their properties.

**B. Rules related to laying of Optical Fibre Cable (OFC)**

Where laying of Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) is required within the premises of Oil & Gas companies under the administrative control of the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas and its attached offices, the Telecommunications (Right of Way) Rules, 2024, notified

by the Department of Telecommunications, may be followed, subject to site-specific safety considerations, statutory requirements, and operational feasibility.

With respect to OFC crossings over oil and gas pipelines, it is proposed that Oil & Gas CPSEs may rationalise and harmonise charges and procedures for granting such permissions. In this regard, Oil & Gas CPSEs may levy reasonable charges commensurate with actual costs incurred, safety supervision, and risk mitigation requirements, while avoiding multiplicity of charge heads to the extent feasible, subject to the following ceilings (maximum):

- (a) Supervision fees – NIL if the crossing work is completed within 15 days of commencement of excavation or drilling. A Supervision fees of Rs. 2,000 per day shall be payable for execution beyond the initial 15 days.
- (b) Security deposit / Performance Bank Guarantee (PBG) – Minimum of 50% of the estimated project cost or ₹2 lakh (whichever is lower), which shall be refundable within three months of satisfactory completion of the work
- (c) Insurance coverage – Comprehensive insurance coverage of ₹2.5 crore, valid for a period extending at least three months beyond completion of the work

The applicant shall indemnify the concerned Oil & Gas CPSE against all claims arising out of execution of the work.

Nothing in these guidelines shall be construed as automatic approval for OFC pipeline crossings, which shall continue to be subject to detailed technical and safety evaluation by the concerned CPSE.

### **BharatNet and other Government of India Projects**

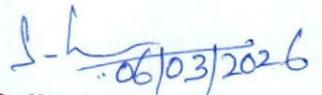
For BharatNet and other notified Government of India projects, the Telecommunications (Right of Way) Rules, 2024, notified by the Department of Telecommunications, may be followed except for insurance, subject to the applicant indemnifying the concerned Oil & Gas CPSE against all claims. In such cases, comprehensive insurance coverage of ₹2.5 crore shall be mandatory and shall remain valid for a period of three months beyond completion of the work.

### **C. Small Cells and Street Furniture:**

Oil & Gas companies under the administrative control of the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas and its attached offices may follow the Telecommunications (Right of Way) Rules, 2024, notified by the Department of Telecommunications vide Gazette Notification G.S.R. 576(E) dated 17th September, 2024, for permitting use of street furniture under their control for installation of small cells and telecommunication lines.

Considering the criticality and safety sensitivity of petroleum installations, permission for such use of street furniture shall be examined on a case-to-case basis, taking into account site-specific safety considerations, statutory requirements, and operational and maintenance feasibility.

This issues with the approval of Secretary, PNG

  
(Sailesh Kumar),  
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Enclosure: Telecommunications (Right of Way) Rules, 2024, notified by the Department of Telecommunications vide Gazette Notification G.S.R. 576(E) dated 17th September, 2024,

To:

Oil & Gas companies under the administrative control of the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas and its attached offices

**Copy to:**

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