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The Deputy Commissioner

All Districts, UT.

Subject: Review of Call Before u Dig (CBuD) usage in District Level Telecom Committee (DLTC) meetings.

Reference: D.O. received from Secretary (Telecom), Deptt. of Telecommunication (DoT), Government of India (GoI) vide Ref. No. 3-1/2022-NBM dated 05.03.2024.

Sir/ Madam,

In reference to the above subject and references, it is appraised that Hon'ble Prime Minister launched the Call Before u Dig (CBuD) application for prevention of damage to underground infrastructure assets like optical fiber cables, water/ gas pipelines, electric cables etc. during any digging activity. In this regard, I am directed to forward the D.O letter received from Secretary (Telecom), DoT (GoI), vide which it is reported despite of the large number of user department's office registrations and mandate for usage of CBuD before any digging activity, the usage of CBuD Mobile Application has not percolated as per the expectations. Secretary (Telecom) has suggested to utilize the review mechanism, also for CBuD matters, at the District Level Telecom Committee (DLTC) in each district where issues related to telecom/ right of way are discussed. Details of CBuD agenda points which can be monitored in DLTC meetings are attached at Annexure "A".

Therefore, it is requested to incorporate agenda points related to CBuD usage in the review process at District Level Telecom Committee (DLTC) meetings. Active participation from concerned authorities at the District level is essential to ensure the effective implementation of CBUD and to address any challenges encountered in its adoption.

Yours faithfully,

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2. Private Secretary to Administrative Secretary, J&K PW(R&B)Department for information.
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DLTC review Agenda Points

1. Enrolment details of the concerned officials of utility/asset owner agencies at **district/Tehsil** level updated /verified on the CBuD platform.
2. Any UT govt department/agency issuing any work order/tender which involves excavation having possibility of damage of underground assets such as OFC/Power lines/water sewerages/gas pipelines etc in **district/tehsil** shall include a clause, **"Agency which is excavating must use the CBuD App before commencing any excavation on public lands/roads in the State"**. All major departments have already been directed by the UT government to issue necessary order in this regard. Committee may review if it is being followed in the district.
3. All digging agencies in **district/tehsil** must be mandated to do any type of digging only after prior intimation through the "Call Before u Dig" App and as per its terms and conditions. The District Committee may monitor dig enquiries registered on CBuD portal for the district.
4. Committee to review awareness programs conducted for CBuD by Asset owner agencies to enhance the usage of the CBuD app. Awareness program for its mandated usage to all excavators may be conducted. The material of awareness programs is available at **cbud.gov.in**
5. DoT has come out with a notification dated 3rd Jan 2023 reg. safety of Telecom assets which mandates the use of a common portal/app (CBuD) and prescribes the procedure of giving notices etc. for digging and applicable damages in case of damage to telegraph property. Committee may ensure that similar notifications covering respective areas of Electricity, Gas, Water pipelines etc has been issued by their respective agencies and concerned officials of utility/asset owner agencies at district/Tehsil level /excavators are aware of these rules.
6. Details of excavations done without informing on CBuD app as reported by asset owners are available on the dashboard as unauthorised enquiries. A review of the same may be conducted and excavators doing such activity may be **advised** to do digging after raising enquiries in CBuD.

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D.O. 3-1/2022-NBM
Dated: 5th March, 2024

Dear Chief Secretary,

As you may be aware that the Hon'ble PM had launched the **Call Before u Dig, (CBuD) Mobile App.** for prevention of damage to vital underground infrastructure assets like optical fiber cables, water/gas pipelines, electric cable etc. during any digging activity.

2. I appreciate the measures taken by your State for onboarding the various departments/state agency's nodal officers onto the CBuD platform. It is reported that despite the large number of user department's office registrations and mandate for usage of CBuD before any digging, the usage of the CBuD Mobile application has not percolated as per the expectations.

3. To achieve the primary objective of maximum adoption of CBuD for all excavation activities, it is suggested to utilize the review mechanism at the **District Level Telecom Committee (DLTC)** in each district where issues related to telecom/right of way are discussed. Status of formation of DLTC across States/UTs is enclosed (Annexure-I). While majority of the states have constituted DLTC, some are still to do so. It is expected that there will be early constitution of the DLTC and the inclusion of CBuD usage review in the agenda of DLTC committee meetings will allow for a comprehensive review and act as a supervision mechanism at local level. Details of CBuD agenda points which can be monitored at such meetings are at Annexure II.

4. I, therefore, request your intervention in directing the concerned officers to incorporate review of CBuD usage in addition to other telecom issues in the agenda of DLTC.

With regard

Yours sincerely

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To,

The Chief Secretaries of all States/Administrators of UTs