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No.-RJ-R1/SBC Meetings/2023-24/141

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Minutes of Meeting

The 17th Meeting of State Broadband Committee (SBC) was held on 13th May 2026 at 10:00 AM under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, GoR to review the progress under National Broadband Mission (NBM). The list of participants is attached at Annexure-I.

The Meeting's Agenda and details were presented by DoT, Rajasthan LSA and discussed vis-à-vis the compliance of decisions taken during the 16th SBC Meeting held on 13th February 2026. The gist of the discussion and the actionable points enumerated during the meeting are as under:

1. Implementation of Telecom RoW Rules, 2024 in State RoW Portal

It was apprised by DoT that the Telecommunication (Right of Way) Rules, 2024 were notified on 17th September 2024 in pursuance to the Telecommunications Act, 2023. These Rules came into force on the 1st Day of January 2025.

There has been a considerable progress in the implementation of provisions in the State RoW portal as per The Telecom Right of Way (RoW) Rules, 2024 and applications are getting processed through this portal. The provisioning of some other requirements such as establishment of own poles for overground Optical Fibre Cable (OFC), small cells required for 5G, establishment of temporary overground telecom network etc. are pending. DoT requested to implement these remaining provisions also in the portal in time bound manner.

DoIT&C informed that presently, seven major State Departments namely UDH, LSG, Revenue, Krishi Upaj Mandi, RIICO, PWD and Energy (JVVNL) have onboarded on the State RoW portal. DoT informed that Telecom Associations have requested few more departments/Corporations such as RSRTC, RHB, DISCOMs (JdVVNL, AVVNL) etc. to be onboarded.

DoT requested Telecom Associations to identify and submit final list of departments/Corporations having substantial assets/property wherein telecom infra may be installed so that matter for onboarding them may be taken up with DoIT&C.

(Action by: DoIT&C/ RSRTC/ RHB/ Energy/ DoT/ Telecom Associations)

2. Pendency of Telecom Right of Way (RoW) applications on State RoW Portal

DoT apprised that RoW applications for major departments are being accepted on the State portal and permissions/intimations are getting issued through this portal. However, it is noted that there have been considerable number of system generated deemed approvals issued for towers (after 67 days from date of application) on government land. These deemed approvals are sometimes not considered by the State Authorities in the field which hinders the commissioning of towers.

DoT further requested that local issues on account of misconception about harmful effect of tower radiation can be minimised if the concerned field authorities are made aware of the fact that these non-ionising radiations are not harmful. DoT will arrange awareness workshops in this regard.

DoIT&C informed that concerned authorities (UDH/Revenue/LSG) have been requested vide its letter dated 08-05-2026 to process the received RoW applications within the prescribed timelines to avoid system generated deemed approval and such approvals shall also be duly accepted by concerned authorities as per provisions of Telecom RoW Rules, 2024.

It was agreed that concerned Nodal Departments will issue suitable instruction, to sensitize the field units in this regard.

(Action by: Revenue/UDH/LSG)

3. Scheme of Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) by M/o Finance

DoIT&C informed that Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, GoI has launched Scheme of Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) for FY 2026-27 which inter alia has earmarked Rs 150 crore for the State of Rajasthan for implementation of Telecom RoW Rules, 2024. The Scheme defines the incentive structure on achievement of milestones under RoW, BharatNet Project and reforms by power/energy department to facilitate electricity connection and consolidated billing.

DoT informed that Operational Guidelines, indicating evaluation criteria and timelines for submission of report by State has been issued vide its letter dated 30th April 2026.

Chief Secretary, GoR directed the early compliance of reforms suggested by GoI for the achievement of milestones within timeline.

(Action by: DoIT&C/ Energy/ UDH/ LSG/ Revenue)

4. Effective usage of Call Before u Dig (CBuD) Mobile App

DoT informed that presently nine State Departments are onboarded on the CBuD app administered by DoT, GoI with registration of 5323 asset owners and 4330 excavators.

DoT informed that comprehensive instruction on CBuD, issued by DoIT&C vide order dated 21st January 2026 has enhanced the reporting/intimations on CBuD App. However, unreported excavations (where no intimation given on CBuD app by digging agency) are still being reported on the portal.

It was suggested that unreported excavations may kindly be included in the agenda item of District Level Telecom Committee (DLTC) Meetings to mitigate such instances.

(Action by: UDH/LSG//PWD/Energy/ Panchayati Raj/PHED/WRD/RSGL/DoIT&C)

5. Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN), DoT funded projects

a. 4G Saturation Project (by BSNL) and 502 Aspirational (by Airtel)

DoT, Rajasthan apprised the status of DBN, DoT funded projects in Rajasthan which is as follows:

Project	Planned towers	Villages proposed for coverage	Towers on air	Villages covered	Work in Progress
4G Saturation Project (by BSNL)	1357	1618	1260	1496	97*
Border Out Post (BOP) (by BSNL)	119	121	92	94	27 (all of Jaisalmer)
502 Aspirational (by Airtel)	61	68	59	66	2# (of Karauli)
Total	1537	1807	1411	1656	126

* → includes 3 wildlife cases of Udaipur (1- final stage of approval; 1-CWLW; 1 – coming SC-SBWL Meeting)

→ 2 cases of Karauli district for upcoming SC-SBWL Meeting

It was informed by Forest, Environment and CC Department that SC-SBWL Meeting is scheduled to be held on 26th May 2026 and the said three wildlife cases will be presented therein.

BSNL further apprised that recently 68 sites under Category-5 and 329 sites under Category-6 have been included in 4G Saturation Project for which land allotment process has been initiated. The present land allotment status is as follows:

Category	No. of Villages proposed for coverage	Land allotted for tower erection	Land allotment pending
CAT-5	68	41	27
CAT-6	329	23	306
Total	397	64	333

BSNL requested to expedite allotment of land for installation of towers for these new 4G Saturation sites.

Chief Secretary, GoR directed to expedite allotment of land to BSNL for tower erection in time bound manner. Further, BSNL shall also follow up at district level.

(Action by: Revenue/Forest/BSNL)

b. Amended BharatNet Project-ABP (by BSNL)

DoT informed that "BharatNet" has been notified as special project by Central Government for establishment of telecommunication network w.e.f. 01 Jan 2025.

The present status of Amended BharatNet Project, as per BSNL, is as follows:

- Tender finalised & agreement signed with Implementing agency
- GPs planned to be covered – 11,352 (New – 2606; upgrade – 8746)
- Total planned OFC cable laying – 57,543 Km
- Ring Architecture for redundancy

BSNL requested to provide suitable indoor space at Gram Panchayat Bhawan or any other suitable Government building at no cost as per proposed addendum to Tripartite MoU for 2576 new GPs under this project. BSNL will provide list of these GPs to Panchayati Raj Department. It was agreed to expedite provisioning of indoor space for ABP project.

Regarding the signing of the addendum to the tripartite MoU, DoIT&C informed that consent has been received from the Panchayati Raj Department. Further, comments of the State Energy Department (for the points except the use of OPGW Fibre Network) have also been submitted to DoT, Rajasthan. It was apprised by DoT, Rajasthan that the same has been forwarded to DoT-HQ for consideration.

(Action by: Energy/ Panchayati Raj/BSNL/DoIT&C)

6. Issues raised by COAI, DIPA & others

The summarised status of issues raised, and decision taken is as follows:

a. Request to expedite deployment of smart meters at telecom towers:

It was informed that presently about 30% of the towers have been provided smart meters. The need for smart meters to address metering issues, accurate billing and single billing was emphasised.

Chief Secretary, GoR directed Energy department to expedite the same.

(Action by: COAI/DIPA/Energy)

b. Timely refund of 90% of application fee which are rejected as per Telecom RoW Rules, 2024:

It was informed that more than 30 cases of the applicants are pending for refund as the said applications were rejected by the concerned authorities.

It was agreed that concerned authorities shall examine the list of RoW applications rejected under their jurisdiction and identify cases where full application fee was paid by applicant and rejection was made by public entity, so that refund process may be initiated as per provisions of Telecom RoW Rules, 2024.

(Action by: UDH/ LSG)

c. Instances of acceptance of offline applications by Jaipur, Kota and Udaipur Development Authorities:

It was decided that all applications for installation of towers/laying of optical fibres shall be submitted through State RoW portal as per provisions of the Telecom RoW Rules, 2024.

(Action by: UDH)

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

These minutes are issued with the approval of Competent Authority.


(Satyapal Meena)
ADG (Rural)
DoT, Rajasthan

Copy to: All participating members

Annexure-I

The list of participants for 17th SBC Meeting convened under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, GoR on 13th May, 2026

Government of Rajasthan

1. Sh. Alok Gupta, ACS, UDH
2. Dr. Ravi Kumar Surpur, Secretary, IT&C
3. Sh. Himanshu Gupta, Commissioner and SS, IT&C
4. Sh. Suresh Ola, MD, RIICO
5. Sh. Bijo Joy, Special Secretary, Forest, Environment & CC
6. Sh. Y.K. Aren, CE (HQ), Energy
7. Sh. Darbari Lal, Technical Director, DoIT&C
8. Sh. Akash Pathak, Director, C.S. Office
9. Sh. Ashish Kumar Gupta, Addl. Director, DoIT&C
10. Sh. Sanjay Sharma, SE, Panchayati Raj
11. Sh. Manoj Kumar Jain, SA(JD), DoIT&C
12. Sh. Ashok Meena, SA (JD), LSG
13. Sh. Vinod Purohit, Dy. Director, LSG

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14. Sh. Anand Katoch, DDG (Rural)
15. Sh. Prabhoo Dayal Jat, Director (Rural)
16. Sh. Satypal Meena, ADG (Rural)

Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (A Govt. of India Enterprise), Rajasthan Circle

17. Ms. Nidhi Mathur, Pr. GM (BharatNet)
18. Sh. Lokesh Kumar Gupta, PGM (CM)
19. Sh. Gulab Chand Jeengar, DGM (NPD)

TSP/IP Associations

20. Sh. Dhananjay Gawanday, Director, COAI
21. Sh. Raman Srivastava, AVP-Relations, DIPA
22. Sh. Vikram Singh, Representative, DIPA