

Proceedings of the 7th State Broadband committee meeting

Date: 05 June 2025 at 11 AM

Chairperson: Shri Tushar Girinath, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Urban Development Department, Government of Karnataka

Venue: Room no 320, Vidhanasoudha, Bangalore

Member Present list: Annexure-I

1. 4G Saturation Project Review

Presentation: Additional DGT, DoT Karnataka LSA briefed on the Government of India's initiative under the Digital Bharat Nidhi scheme (formerly USOF) to provide 4G connectivity in villages where service provision is commercially or technically unviable. BSNL is the implementing agency.

Land Allotment Status (as of 04.06.2025):

- Total Applications: 687
- Approved: 558
- Pending: 129 (4 with Revenue Dept, 125 with Forest Dept)

Key Inputs:

- **Dr. B. Udaykumar Shetty**, Revenue Dept: All pending cases will be prioritized in coordination with District Commissioners.
- **PGM, BSNL:** Raised concern over KBJNL demanding outright purchase of land, unlike other departments allowing 30-year lease.

Chair Decision:

- Dr. B. Udaykumar Shetty was directed to clear 4 revenue cases within 7 days.
- MD, KBJNL, to review and resolve the issue immediately, and PGM BSNL to coordinate with KBJNL.

Site-specific Land Pendency:

District	Village	Application Date	Presently Pending With
Bagalkote	Badaradinni PU.K	05-05-2025	Krishna Bhagya Jala Nigam Ltd
Bagalkote	HanapurSP	28-05-2025	Tahasildar Guledagudda
Dakshina Kannada	Padumarnadu	21-05-2025	DC Office, Mangalore
Shimoga	Mullakere	13-05-2025	Tahasildhar Office, Shimoga

- Total: 266

- Final Orders Issued: 141
- Pending: 124 (57 with WL, 67 without WL)

Smt. Prachi Gangawar , IFS Chief Conservator of Forests: Stage-I approvals (22 cases) to be cleared in 10 days; Stage-II timelines to be shared.

Chair Decision:

- Forest Department to complete clearances by June 2025.
 - Mr. Suchit (BSNL) nominated to coordinate with CCF.
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2. RoW Permissions:

Additional DGT, DoT Karnataka LSA briefed on ROW pending application as detailed below:

BBMP:

- Pending: 105 towers + 1 OFC (106 total)
- Only 2 cases > 60 days pending

DMA:

- National RoW portal shows 395 pending cases. Secretary, UDD assured clearance before migration.

RDPR:

- No pending cases

Concerns Raised:

- RJio: Rejections lack valid reasons or have wrong jurisdiction.
- COAI: BBMP not accepting OFC applications.

Chair Decisions:

- Secretary, UDD to ensure rejections are redirected appropriately.
 - Dr. B.G. Raghavendra Prasad, Chief Engineer - BBMP to resolve application acceptance and jurisdiction issues
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3. Implementation of RoW Rules, 2024

- **Effective From:** 01-01-2025
- **BBMP:** Integrated with National RoW portal
- **RDPR & DMA:** Advanced migration stages
- **PWD:** Data shared for integration

- **BESCOM:** Migration to complete in 15 days; to act as nodal for ESCOMs

Chair Instructions:

- Expedite integration across departments and close by June 2025.
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4. Notification of MoHUA Guidelines, 2016

- Agenda closed. Final Gazette Notification for Karnataka Municipal Corporations Model Building (Amendment) Bye-Laws, 2024 issued on 05-02-2025.
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5. Street Furniture Update in NMP Portal

- **Nodal Agency:** KSRSAC
- **Current Status:**
 - 223 towns (BESCOM) updated
 - Rural data pending (6 months timeline)
 - BBMP: All zones except Mahadevapura submitted
 - KPTCL/Energy Dept: Data pending

Chair Decisions:

- BBMP and Energy Department to submit remaining data to KSRSAC within 15 days
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6. Call Before U Dig (CBuD) Application

- Provides coordination between digging agencies and utility asset owners

Chair Decisions:

- District Commissioners to host the District Level Telecom Committee (DLTCs) and include CBUD as one of the agenda points
 - Awareness campaigns to be conducted at the District level and District Commissioners to instruct their respective officers to support DoT and attend the same.
 - DOT to share nodal details and training schedules
 - Director ITBT to issue required instructions to the concerned department.
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7. Skill Development

The DDG (Technology), Department of Telecom, informed that ITIs and Polytechnics have updated their curriculum, with short-term courses in AI and IoT already in progress. However, 5G-related courses are yet to be introduced. The State is requested to initiate skill development programs focused on 5G and related technologies.

- **Focus Areas:** 5G, IoT, M2M, AI, etc.
- **TSSC & MSDE:** Key stakeholders for training programs
- **Current Status:** IoT/AI courses introduced in ITIs; 974 students enrolled
- **Request:** Launch of 5G, Fiber-to-home technician programs

Chair Decisions:

- DOT to share course needs with the Managing Director, KSDC immediately
- State Skill Development Mission (SSDM) /State Skill Development Corporation (SSDC) to earmark targets for telecom skilling in govt schemes

8. Amended BharatNet Phase III

- **Blocks:** 226
- **GPs:** 6251
- **Fiber Conversion:** 19023 KM

Agreement Signed: BSNL & Digital Bharat Nidhi(DBN) on 09-04-2025 for rural fiber service

D.O.No: DOT/DBN/2024-12/BhartNet/Amended Program/PMU/Pt Dtd 2nd June 2025 of Shri DR NEERAJ MITTAL, IAS, Secretary(Telecom), DOT.

Request from DoT :

- State support for RoW, equipment installation, and electricity at GPs

Chair Direction:

- DOT Karnataka to submit the **detailed requirements** to the **RDPR and Energy Departments**
- **RDPR and Energy Departments** to the **necessary actions** to support the project accordingly.

9. Digital Communication Readiness Index (DCRI)

- The **Inter Departmental Coordination Committee (IDCC)** has to be formed at state level. As per the plan, the IDCC is to **meet quarterly** to review the **progress of DCRI across states** and **recommend policy reforms**.
- Hence requested for IDCC Quarterly meetings and reports from state.
- **Chair Direction:** DOT-KARNATAKA LSA to share official request and agenda to Director, ITBT and Director ITBT to take further steps on conveying the meeting,
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10. Samriddh Gram Panchayat Project

- **Goal:** One model GP per block in Karnataka using BharatNet
 - **Requirement:** Formation of GP-level Digital Access Committees
 - **Chair Direction:** RDPR to issue necessary instructions upon receipt of DoT requirements of project implementation.
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11. Other Subject:

- **COAI Request:** Nomination of RoW Nodal Officer at state level

Chair Direction:

- DoT to submit the official request and guidelines to Director, ITBT and
- Director ITBT to review and take further necessary steps on the nodal officer nomination at state level.

Meeting concluded with a vote of thanks.


(Tushar Giri Nath)
Additional Chief Secretary,
Department of Urban Development
Government of Karnataka

Annexure-I: Attendance of 7th SBC dated: 5th June 2025 :

SL.NO	NAME & DESIGNATION	DEPARTMENT/ORGANISATION	Mode of Attendance
1	Shri. Tushar Girinath, IAS Additional Chief Secretary to Government	Urban Development Department	Physical
2	Smt. Deepa Cholan, IAS, Secretary to Government	Urban Development Department	Physical
3	Dr. Arundhathi Chandrashekar, IAS Commissioner,	Panchayat Raj Department	Physical
4	Smt. Swaroopa T.K, I.A.S. Director	E-Governance	Physical
5	Sri Rahul Sharanappa Sankanur IAS Director	Department of E, IT and Bt	Physical
6	Ms. T Poonkoti Addl-DGT, KTK LSA DOT	DOT	Physical
7	Sri. Bramaiah Director Rural 2	DOT	Physical
8	Sri. Surendranath,DCE	PWD	Physical
9	Sri. BS Nagar, GM , BSNL	BSNL	Physical
10	Sri. Sujeet Kumar, PGM	BSNL	Physical
11	Sri. G K Sutar	DDGT, DOT	Physical
12	Smt. N Suchatha	CGM, BSNL	Physical
13	Dr. B udayakumar shetty, KAS, Additonal Secretary	Revenue Department.	Physical
14	Sri. Harshavardhan.N, AE	KPWD	Physical
15	Sri. V N Krishna murthy, KES , SE-PWD	KPWD	Physical
16	Sri. Srinivasappa, GM	KSIIDC	Physical
17	Sri. BG Raghavendra Prasad, Chief Engineer (OFC)	BBMP	Physical
18	Sri.Nithin Chakki, KAS, GM	KITS	Physical
19	Sri.Imtiaz, SPM	RDPR	Physical
20	Sri. Deepak A	KITS	Physical
21	Col. Anil B Sindagi	Reliance Jio	Physical
VIRTUAL			
22	Shri. Pankaj Kumar Pandey IAS Secretary to Government,	DPAR (e-Governance)	Virtual
23	Sri. Rajender Kumar Kataria, IAS, Principal Secretary to Government	Revenue Department.	Virtual
24	Dr. Dileesh Sasi. I A S,	Centre for e-Governance	Virtual

	Chief Executive Officer		
25	Commissioner	College and Technical Education Department	Virtual
26	Smt. Prachi Gangawar , IFS Chief Conservator of Forests	Forest	Virtual
27	Dr. Shivashankar N, IAS Managing Director - BESCOM	BESCOM	Virtual
28	Dr. Rajesh N. L, Director,	KRSRAC	Virtual
29	Nagaraja N.M, I.A.S, Managing Director,	KSDC	Virtual
30	Joint Secretary, Forest	Forest	Virtual
31	Sri. Mukesh KUMAR	COAI	Virtual
32	Sri. Raman Srivastsava	DIPA	Virtual
33	Sri. Suresh B V	KRSRAC	Virtual
34	Sri. Dhananjay	COAI	Virtual
35	Smt. Asma, Joint Director Town Planning BBMP Tower	BBMP	Virtual
36	Smt.Meena	COAI	Virtual
37	Director (Technical)	ENERGY Department	Virtual
38	General Manager (Customer Relations)	BESCOM	Virtual
39	Sri. Ravi Mishra	Airtel	Virtual
40	Sri. Sahebhusen Peerjade	Airtel	Virtual