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To
a) The senior Deputy Director General,
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Invitees

Lr. No. ITC01-COOR0GOIM/8/2022-COMMUNICATIONS, Dt:26.03.2026

Sir/Madam,

Sub:ITE&C Dept., - State Broadband Committee - Minutes of Meeting held on 27.02.2026
at 3:00 PM- Communicated - Reg

The Government vide G.O.Rt.No.12, ITE&C Department, Dt:25.03.2021 has reconstituted the State Broad Committee. The Minutes of 9th State Broadband Committee meeting on 27.02.2026 at 3:00 PM at CS Conference Hall, AP Secretariat Velagapudi are communicated for information and for further follow up action.

Yours Faithfully,


Joint Director (Infra)

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- 1) The OSD to the Chief Secretary (w.e)
- 2) The PS to Secretary, ITE&C Department
- 3) The PS to Spl. Secretary, ITE&C Department

Minutes of the 9th State Broadband Committee meeting held at 15:00 hrs. on 25-02-2026 at the Conference Hall of the Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Andhra Pradesh.

The Government of Andhra Pradesh has constituted State Broadband Committee for effective implementation and monitoring of the work of National Broadband Mission, with members from stake holding Departments, DoT, BSNL, BBNL and telecom associations (COAI & DIPA) under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Andhra Pradesh.

The 9th State Broadband Committee meeting was held on 25-02-2026 under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary to Govt. of AP and the following officials:

State Government:

1. Sri. Kaveti Vijayanand IAS, Chief Secretary, GoAP.
2. Sri. MT Krishna Babu IAS, Special Chief Secretary, GoAP [VC]
3. Sri. Kantilal Dande, IAS, Principal Secretary, EFS&T Dept., [VC]
4. Sri. Dr. N. Yuvaraj IAS, Secretary (FAC), IT,E&C Dept.,
5. Sri I. Prudhvitej, IAS, Chairman and MD, APEPDCL, Visakhapatnam [VC]
6. Miss Geenthanjali Sharma IAS, Director (Communications), ITE&C Dept
7. The Collector, ASR District [VC]
8. The Collector, Parvathipuram Manyam District [VC]
9. The Collector, Guntur District [VC]
10. The Collector, Krishna District [VC]
11. The Collector, Tirupati [VC]
12. The Joint Collector, Kurnool [VC]
13. The Joint Collector, Konaseema [VC]
14. The Joint Collector, Bapatla [VC]
15. The Joint Collector, East Godavari [VC]
16. Sri. Kumar Vishwajeet, IPS, Principal Secretary, Home Dept., [VC]
17. Sri. Rahul Pandey IFS, APCCF, HOFF [VC]
18. O/o Addl. CCLA-cum-Secretary [VC]
19. O/o Police Head Quarter (PHQ), AP Police, Home Dept [VC]
20. O/o DIG (Communications), AP Police, Home Dept [VC]
21. O/o Special Intelligence Bureau, AP Police, Home Dept [VC]
22. Smt R Vidyullata, DTCP, MA&UD Department [VC]
23. Sri Murali Krishna, Director (Technical), APCPDCL, Vijayawada [VC]
24. Sri. Siva Sankar, APSPDCL, Tirupati [VC]
25. Sri. Dhavuryan Naik, Joint Director (Infra), IT,E&C Dept.
26. Smt Anuradha, Asst Director, CDMA, MA&UD Department
27. Sri. Ramesh, PRED Department
28. O/o AP Space Applications Centre (APSAC) [VC]

DoT:

1. Sri. M Nagesh Rao, ITS, Addl. DG (Telecom), APLSA, DoT, Member Convenor
2. Sri. T. Vara Prasad, ITS, Dy. DG (Rural & Technology), DoT, AP LSA, Vijayawada
3. Sri. K Ram Manohar, ITS, Director (Rural & Technology), DoT, AP LSA, Vijayawada
4. Sri. Kushal Ram Chittari, ADET (Rural), DoT, AP LSA, Vijayawada
5. Sri. ASRLN Suresh, Asst. Director (Rural), DoT, AP LSA, Vijayawada
6. Sri. Ravi Sankar. M, Assistant Director (Tech), DoT, AP LSA, Vijayawada

BSNL:

1. Sri. B. Ravi Kumar, ITS, PGM, Bharatnet
2. Sri. K Murali Krishna, ITS, GM, AP Circle, Vijayawada
3. Sri. J. Uday Kumar, DGM, AP Circle, Vijayawada

COAI & DIPA [through Video Conference]:

1. Sri. Dhanunjay, Director, Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI)
2. Sri. Raman Srivastava, Digital Infrastructure Providers Association (DIPA)
3. Sri. Rajindra Kumar, Digital Infrastructure Providers Association (DIPA)
4. Sri. Srishti Thakur, Digital Infrastructure Providers Association (DIPA)
5. Sri. Deepak Arya, Digital Infrastructure Providers Association (DIPA)
6. Sri. Meena Bisht, Digital Infrastructure Providers Association (DIPA)
7. Sri. Vamsi Krishna, Indus Towers.

The Addl. DGT, DoT, AP LSA, Vijayawada, member Convenor welcomed the Chairman and the members for the 9th State Broadband Committee and The Director (Rural & Technology), DoT, AP LSA thanked the Govt of Andhra Pradesh for the continuous support extended since 8th SBC and presented an overview on the agenda points to the committee. The following points were deliberated in the meeting.

1. Digital Bharat Nidhi (Erstwhile USOF) Schemes – Deployment status

- i. **LWE Phase-II (M/s BAL):** Support from Govt of AP wrt Forest permission (wildlife) for Gedapalli site in Eluru district. The PCCF, AP intimated to the Chief secretary that the required permissions are issued.
- ii. **7287 Aspirational Districts (M/s RJIL) - Total 30 sites are having Road access issues:**

- a. **09 sites in Parvathipuram Manyam district:** The District collector Manyam informed that for 6 sites DLC has given the approval, 2 sites approval pending is there from DFO side and for the remaining it found that there is no road access and BSNL was requested to share the alternative coordinates. The member convenor requested the Chief Secretary to suggest alternate villages which have road access to cover targeted villages in case the present villages cannot be made accessible in near future.

Action: Collector, Manyam to suggest the alternate sites for which doesn't have road access and all necessary support will be given to the TSPs by the District Officials to carry the material up to the tower site(s). The Chief Secretary directed to share the total list.

- b. **21 sites in ASR district:** For 09 sites wherein the Road work is in progress and 12 sites wherein roads to be sanctioned, The District collector ASR appraised the current status to the SBC and ensured that the roads will be sanctioned under MGNREGS.

Action: DC ASR to expedite the road works which are in progress. Also instructed to take up the sanction of road which are to be sanctioned.

- iii. **4G Saturation Project (M/s BSNL):**

- a. 12 sites (DC ASR-11 & DC Kakinada-1) road access issues and 11 sites in ASR district

Action: DC ASR to enable road access to the sites on priority.

- b. 1 site in Kakinada district (Ginnelaram site) - The DDG(Rural) appraised the SBC that as informed by DC Kakinada the road is sanctioned and committed to a timeline of 2 years to enable road access.

Action: Director (ITE&C) to coordinate with JC/DM Kakinada.

- iv. **4G Saturation Project (M/s BSNL): CAT-V & CAT-VI:** M/s BSNL requested support from The State Govt. to issue HOC/APC for pending 129 sites and extend support for completion of joint survey for 186 sites. The Director (Comm), ITE&C Dept informed that the District Collectors have already allocated most of the sites and given their remarks for the remaining. The same will be expedited with District Collectors for any alternative lands for allocation of lands.

Action: M/s BSNL to submit a list of sites requiring support to the Director (ITE&C) and Dir Communication include the matter in regular reviews of Chief Secretary with Collectors.

Director (Comm) to include the 4G towers land allotment status as an agenda item in the next Collector's conference.

2. RoW Rules, 2024 - Implementation status.

- i. **Migration of State Govt portals to DoT eServices Portal:** The Director (Rural & Technology), DoT appraised the current status to the Chief secretary. The PRRD, PRED and T,R&B departments are On-boarded. The DTCP and CDMA onboarding is still in progress.
- ii. DTCP has informed that data sharing is completed, and DoT has to be provided the UAT environment with DTCP. Further, the DTCP has informed that the Department has no uniform approving levels in all the municipalities and the designation and mobile numbers also not unique since one officer may hold multiple portfolios. Due to this, the format given by the DoT is not matching. Within the coming 2 days of time, the issues will be sorted out duly coordinating with DoT.
- iii. The Assistant Director, CDMA informed that the UAT is completed and the requested information by the DoT will be shared by 25.02.2026 and that the go live of the application will be completed by within 2 days of time.
- iv. The Director IT,E&C has informed that out of the pending 266 applications many are approved offline and are to be shown approved in state RoW portals and will coordinate with respective departments. Addl DGT, DoT has suggested that unwanted/approved RoW applications may be deleted from portals by coordinating with NBM, DoT team.

Action:

- a. **The on-boarding and Go-live of the DTCP/CDMA RoW applications to be done within a weeks' time.**
- b. **The pending RoW applications in portal to be completed by all departments within the timelines.**
- c. **The APIIC and DISCOMs shall also be on-boarded to PM Gatishakti portal for providing the RoW permissions duly coordinating with respective Departments,**

DoT, ITE&C Department. The on boarding to DoT RoW portal shall be completed within 3 weeks.

- d. DoT needs to conduct one round of training to educate all users on the Jan Parichay login, portal registration etc**

3. Discussion on HMoC DO Lr to HCM, AP Dt 28.08.2025: Electricity issues related to telecom towers:

- i. **Composite billing:** The DISCOMs have informed that the provisioning of Composite billing DISCOM wise for the TSPs are possible. However, the TSPs/DoT have to submit the formal proposal.

Action: All TSPs/ IPs to submit a formal proposal to DISCOMs in AP for the implementation at the earliest.

- ii. **Installation of smart meters:** The CMD, M/s APEPDCL informed that 90% of installation of smart meters is completed. However, DoT has informed that only 40% is completed.

Action: DISCOMs to reconcile with DoT/TSPs and to share the consumer details with DISCOMs.

4. Call Before u Dig (CBuD) Mobile App

- i. The member convenor requested the chief secretary to issue directions to departments concerned to incorporate mandatory usage app by excavators during execution of work in tenders to curb unreported excavations

Action: ITE&C department to issue a G.O inline with 8th SBC MoM to mandate usage of CBuD App.

5. Mapping of Street Furniture on PM Gati Shakti NMP

- i. The Director (Rural & Technology), DoT, AP LSA informed that the mapping status of street furniture. As per the status available, APSAC mapped street furniture till 2024 and as per the information from NBM, Andhra Pradesh is not mapped in NMP portal.

Action: DoT to share the mapping details available till date to ensure further mapping of remaining street furniture and further directed the Director APSAC, ITE&C departments concerned in AP with mapping of street furniture.

6. District Level Telecom Committee (DLTC) Meetings:

- i. The Director (Rural & Technology), DoT, AP LSA informed that the SBC that DLTC meetings are yet to convene at regular intervals.

Action: The Secretary (ITE&C) to issue a D.O. letter to all District collectors on the same.

The Secretary (ITE&C) instructed District Collectors to combine the DLTC meetings with DIPC meetings which are held monthly as the stake holding Departments are similar.

M/s BSNL (the convenor of DLTC meetings) to coordinate with GM (Industries) and District Collectors to schedule DLTC meetings henceforth commonly within the DIPC meeting.

7. Samridhh Gram Panchayat Pilot Project

- i. The Secy (IT,E&C) informed that as per the Memorandum of Cooperation with DoT on Amended Bharatnet Project, only phase-II GPs will be handed-over to APSFL and GPs under Phase-I will be dealt by M/s.BSNL.

Action: DoT to issue notification to combine Digital Access Committee (DACs) with already existing GP level committees and conduct meetings at regular intervals.

8. Migration of Government of AP websites to IPv6

- i. All Govt of AP IPv4 websites are to be migrated to IPv6. ITE&C department was instructed to work out the Departments and Service Providers along with their projects to be migrated IPv6.

Action: The Director (ITE&C) to coordinate with the department concerned and complete the migration to IPv6 duly sending a letter to all the concerned departments.

9. 100% coverage of all Gram and ward secretaries with 3G/4G/5G

Progress made wrt 3786 habitations submitted by Govt of AP for coverage was briefed by The Director (Rural & Technology). As per the coverage status submitted by the TSPs, 2310 habitations having mobile coverage were submitted to DBN for inclusion in future DBN schemes. The remaining habitations are either found covered as per TSPs coverage report or already included in ongoing DBN schemes.

10. Points Raised by COAI

- i. COAI has raised the following points:
 - a. APIIC and DISCOMs to be onboarded to RoW Portal.
 - b. Departments which are onboarded to eServices portal have not created user credentials. Hence, TSPs/IPs are forced to submit applications in old state portals contrary to RoW Rules, 2024. COAI requested Hence, it was requested to take measures to create awareness among departments concerned.
 - c. Pole charges raised by DISCOMs are not uniformly implemented across all DISCOMs in accordance with RoW Rules, 2024. COAI requested The Chief Secretary to issue directions in this regard to all the departments to process RoW cases as per RoW Rules, 2024. The CMD, M/s APEPDCL submitted that the pole charges are in line with RoW Rules, 2024.
 - d. Annual Rental charges for telecom towers charged by various departments in contrary to RoW Rules,2024
 - e. The Member convenor requested ITE&C department to issue a circular afresh instructing to follow rates as per RoW Rules, 2024 and process applications as per RoW rules, 2024.
 - f. The security deposits are getting delayed, and a formal submission will be made to the State Government.
 - g. Getting delayed in getting the FRA certificate in some of the forest locations.
- ii. The DISCOMs have informed that DISCOMs have issued an internal memo to follow the poll charges as per court orders and latest RoW guidelines 2024.

Action: COAI to submit a written representation with details on the ensuing issues for issuing directions to departments concerned for needful action.

11. Points raised by DIPA:

- i. DIPA has raised the following points:
 - a. **NoC for Tower installation in Private property:** Director (IT), GoAP has directed to PRRD and DTCP departments that as per the Chief secretary instructions in 8th SBC to issue circular by HoDs to district authorities to not demand NoC for tower installations in private property and to circulate the copy among all stakeholders.

DTCP has informed that a similar circular is already issued and the same will be shared with DoT/TSPs.
 - b. **Property TAX for telecom towers:** DIPA to take up the property tax issue with CDMA (Commissioner and Director of Municipal Administration) department.
 - c. **Payment issue in RoW portals:** DIPA to submit specific cases of application issues for resolution by the concerned departments.

12. Points raised by M/s BSNL:

- i. M/s BSNL requested support for expediting RoW Permissions wrt 16 cases in 4G Saturation Project for backup routes. The CE, T R&B dept, Vijayawada assured to expedite and clear the pendency at the earliest.
- ii. EB supply extension to 66 sites in 4G Saturation Project. 63 cases in ASR district. M/s BSNL appraised the SBC that 63 sites in ASR district are running on solar power even after DN are paid. The CMD, M/s APEPDCL briefed that the issue arose due to supply shortage of single-phase transformers and the EB supply will be extended by next month.
- iii. M/s BSNL requested EB demand note in excess of 5Lakh to be restricted to <5Lakh for operational/ administrative convenience.

Action: The CMDs of DISCOMs and M/s BSNL to discuss and resolve the issue.

13. Other Points of discussion

- i. DC Parvathipuram Manyam raised the issue of poor coverage in many mandals in Manyam district. The PGM, M/s BSNL further added that ICR (Intra circle roaming) will mitigate the coverage issue and this issue is under consideration by Ministry of Telecommunications, New Delhi.

Action: DC Manyam to submit lat/long details for further examination with the Director (Rural & Technology).

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CHIEF SECRETARY**