



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

Date: 13.11.2025

Minutes of Meeting

The 15th Meeting of State Broadband Committee (SBC) was held on 04th November 2025 at 11:00 AM under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Government of Rajasthan to review the progress under National Broadband Mission (NBM). The list of participants is attached at Annexure-I.

The agenda of meeting was presented and discussed in detail vis-a-vis the compliance of decisions taken during the 14th SBC Meeting held on 21st July, 2025. The gist of the discussion and the actionable points enumerated during the meeting are as under:

1. Implementation of Telecom Right of Way (RoW) Rules, 2024 in State RoW Portal

DDG, DoT, Government of India apprised 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.

It was informed that there has been a considerable progress in the implementation of provisions mentioned in Telecom Right of Way (RoW) Rules, 2024 in the newly developed State RoW Portal and the applications are getting processed through this Portal now. 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 being implemented. DoT requested for implementation of remaining provisions also in the Portal.

Presently, four Departments namely UDH, LSG, Revenue and Krishi Upaj Mandi have onboarded on the new State RoW Portal. DoIT&C informed that other Departments & organisations namely PWD, Energy and RICCO shall be onboarded within a fortnight.

Chief Secretary, GoR directed to implement pending provisions and onboard remaining Departments in a time bound manner.

(Action by: DoIT&C)

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

DoT apprised that RoW applications are being accepted on the new Portal and permissions/intimations are getting issued through this Portal. However, it is noted that there have been considerable number of deemed approvals for towers (after 67 days from date of application) on government land as per provision of the RoW

Rules, 2024. These deemed approvals are sometimes not considered by the State authorities in the field which hinders the commissioning of towers.

Chief Secretary, GoR directed the Departments to regularly access the State RoW portal so that the applications are scrutinized appropriately and deemed approvals should be reduced.

(Action by: Revenue/UDH / LSG)

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

DoT informed that presently nine State Departments are onboarded on the CBuD app with registration of 5120 asset owners and 3908 excavators. It was also noticed that majority of the enquiries are generated by the Telecom Service Providers (TSPs). In view of the multiple digging activities by various State Departments, there is ample scope for the concerned State Departments to generate intimations through CBuD app. It was further suggested that regular workshops by the Departments involving field units will also enhance the usage of CBuD app.

UDH informed that they have issued a circular dated 23-06-2025 for usage of the CBuD app for the authorities under it. DoT requested for the applicability of the same for all other Departments.

Chief Secretary, GoR directed DoIT&C to issue a comprehensive circular/order in line with UDH circular, applicable to all Departments involved in digging.

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

4. Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN), DoT funded Projects

a. BSNL 4G Saturation Project

CGM, BSNL, Rajasthan apprised that 1340 remote villages in the State of Rajasthan were planned under BSNL 4G Saturation Project out of which 1339 sites have been allotted. The summarised status of 4G Saturation Project is as follows:

Category	Pending	Remarks/Status
Revenue land allotment pending	0	
Forest land allotment pending	1	Pratapgarh –1
Land allotted but Forest/ wildlife permission awaited	18	Wildlife – 5 Cases of Udaipur (EE&CC Ministry-2; BSNL(EDS) -3) Forest – 13 Cases Udaipur- 8(FRA-2008); BSNL(EDS)-2; Hanumangarh-1; Pratapgarh-1; Chittorgarh-1

Forest Department informed that 8 Forest cases of Udaipur are with DFO concerned and will be processed within 15 days. As these FRA -2008 cases of Udaipur are not applied through Parivesh portal of Environmental Ministry, it was suggested that BSNL and DoT should have regular coordination with Forest Department on fortnightly basis for such direct cases.

BSNL also informed that 55 demand notes for electrical connections at telecom towers are pending against 1317 connections applied and 101 meter installations are pending out of 1131. Energy Department stated that 77 cases of meter installations are pending instead of 101 as per their record and will be installed soon.

Energy Department was requested to expedite issuance of pending demand notes and meter installations.

(Action by: Forest/Energy/BSNL)

b. Samriddh Gram Panchayat (Under BharatNet Project of DoT)

DoT informed that Government of India notified some of the Gram Panchayats (GPs) for the formation of Digital Access Committees (DAC) under Samriddh Gram Panchayat Project to enhance the usage of existing BharatNet optical fibre network. The summarised status in this regard is as follows:

GPs identified in Rajasthan	306 (out of 4012 pan India)
Digital Access Committee (DACs) formed	226
GPs converted to Nagar Palika	27
Pending DAC formation	53

In this regard, DoT has recently requested Panchayati Raj Department vide letter dated 16-10-2025 to expedite formation of DACs in remaining GPs.

Panchayati Raj Department stated that 33 DACs formations are pending instead of 53 and assured to complete pending DAC formation within fifteen days.

(Action by: RD & PR)

5. Street Furniture Mapping on PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan (NMP) Portal

DoT informed that the mapping of street furniture on PM Gati-Shakti NMP Portal is required to enable installation of 5G small cells to enhance coverage of 5G network.

There has been considerable increase of more than 5 lacs in electric poles mapping compared to mapped data in last SBC held in July, 2025. Further, 45068 street lights have also been mapped during the last 3 months. The comparative data of other States was also projected.

Energy Department suggested that electricity poles mapping on the Portal should be prioritised and may primarily cover populated/inhabited area instead of covering all

electric poles as the number is quite large and may not be relevant. Even, it should be demand driven, so that the requisite location be surveyed on priority. DoT was requested to look into this aspect.

(Action by: Industry & Commerce/ DoT)

6. Issues raised by COAI, DIPA & Others

The summarised status of issues raised and deliberated/decided is as follows:

- a) Request for deployment of smart meters in line with Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) guidelines to address metering issues, accurate billing and improved operational efficiency of Telecom Infrastructure

Decision: It was agreed to coordinate with Energy department.

(Action by: COAI/DIPA/Energy)

- b) Incorrect pit distance calculation for OFC laying, leading to higher raised Demand Notes

Decision: The matter should be taken up at Local Authority level first by the applicants. It is preferable that minimum pits should be done while laying OFC cable to avoid public inconvenience.

- c) Charging of rentals for chambers/manholes by authorities as no such tariff defined in RoW Rules, 2024

Decision: The matter should be taken up at Local Authority level first by the applicants as they may not be aware of the Central RoW Rules, 2024 and the Schedules mentioning tariff therein.

- d) Disruption of tower installation at certain sites due to local public issues/protest/withdrawal of permission by local authorities etc.

Decision: It was agreed that District Level Telecom Committee (DLTC) should be conducted on regular basis every month and such local issues faced by telecom applicants should be considered at DLTC level under the Chairmanship of concerned Collector/DM. DoIT&C was directed to issue order in this regard.

(Action by: DoIT&C)

- e) Consideration of industrial tariff instead of commercial tariff for Telecom Industry, similar to being considered for Tourism and Hospitality sector.

Decision: It was suggested to give a complete proposal with pan India implementation by other States/UTs to the Energy Department for examination at all aspects. However, Rajasthan Electricity Regulatory Commission (RERC) is the Authority to decide such electricity tariff related matters.

(Action by: DoT)

f) Multiple cabling charging issues

DoT informed that clarification in this regard has been sought from DoT-HQ based on the query raised by UDH.

(Action by: DoT)

7. DoT Citizen-centric initiatives

DoT apprised the following Telecom related citizen-centric initiatives during the meeting:

a. DBN Funded Projects status

The status is as follows:

Project	Planned BTS*	Villages proposed for coverage	BTS Commissioned	Villages covered
4G Saturation (by BSNL)	1357	1613	1248	1478
Border Out Post (BoP) (by BSNL)	119	121	71 (WIP: 48 Jaisalmer)	73
502 Aspirational (by BHL)	61	68	56	63
Total	1537	1802	1375	1614

*BTS- Base Transceiver Station

Chief Secretary, GoR emphasises to expedite the commissioning of towers in BoP area on priority by December, 2025 for the benefits of BSF personnel posted therein. CGM, BSNL agreed to make all efforts in this regard.

(Action by: BSNL, Rajasthan)

b. Mobile coverage status in villages of Rajasthan

The status is as follows:

Total Rajasthan Villages (as per RGI)	Villages with 4G coverage	4G uncovered villages included in DBN*, DOT Scheme	Recommended for inclusion in DBN, DoT Scheme for 4G coverage
46077	45406	109	562

DBN- Digital Bharat Nidhi

State Government was requested to provide/intimate the details of the villages (with their latitude and longitude, LGD Code etc.) wherein there are no cellular connectivity.

Secretary, DoIT&C informed that there are about 1900 villages (as per 2022 data available with DoIT&C) wherein there is no cellular connectivity. DoT requested to provide the present details of such villages.

Further, DoT, GoI informed that as per LGD data, there are 47,994 villages out of which lat-long of 1175 villages is required for ascertaining cellular connectivity and inclusion in the 4G Saturation coverage plan, if so. Panchayati Raj Department has been requested vide letter dated 14-10-2025 to provide the lat-long details of these 1175 villages.

(Action by: DoIT&C/RD & PR)

c. Empowering citizens through Sanchar Saathi Portal

The different modules of Sanchar Saathi Portal such as reporting lost/stolen mobile, its recovery rate, reporting suspected fraud & unsolicited calls, know mobile connections in your name etc. were briefed.

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

These minutes are being issued with the approval of Competent Authority.

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Copy to: All participating members

Annexure-I

The list of participants for the 15th SBC Meeting convened under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, GoR on 04th November 2025

Government of Rajasthan

1. Sh. Praveen Gupta, Additional Chief Secretary, Public Works Department
2. Sh. Ajitabh Sharma, Principal Secretary, Energy Department
3. Sh. Alok Gupta, Principal Secretary, Industries Department
4. Sh. Dinesh Kumar, Principal Secretary, Revenue Department
5. Sh. Debasish Prusty, Principal Secretary, UDH Department
6. Dr. Ravi Kumar Surpur, Commissioner and Secretary, IT&C Department
7. Sh. Ravindra Goswami, MD-JJM, PHED
8. Sh. Juikar Pratik Chandrashekhar, Director, Local Self Government (LSG)
9. Sh. Bijo Joy, Spl. Secretary, Forest Department
10. Sh. Darbari Lal, Technical Director, DoIT&C
11. Sh. Manish Beniwal, Chief Engineer, PHED
12. Sh. Harish Vasdani, Addl. Chief Engineer, Water Resources Department
13. Sh. Mukesh Maheshwari, Addl. Chief Engineer, Panchayati Raj Department
14. Sh. Ashish Kumar Gupta, Additional Director, DoIT&C

Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Government of India, LSA Rajasthan

15. Sh. Anand Katoch, DDG (Rural)
16. Sh. Ajeet Sharma, Director (Compliance)
17. Sh. Satyapal, ADG (Rural)

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

18. Sh. Vikram Malviya, CGM, BSNL
19. Smt. Nidhi Mathur, PGM, BSNL
20. Sh. Ashok Maheshwari, PGM, BSNL

TSP/IP Associations

21. Sh. Mukesh Kumar, Sr. Advisor, Member, COAI
22. Sh. Raman Srivastava, AVP, DIPA