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

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Minutes of Meeting

The 14th Meeting of State Broadband Committee (SBC) was held on 21st July 2025 at 12:30 PM 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 was presented and discussed in detail vis-a-vis the compliance of decisions taken during the 13th SBC Meeting held on 25th March, 2025. 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

DDG, DoT, GoI 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 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 and expected to be completed within a month's time. The applications in these categories are very few as per previous trend noticed.

Presently, four Departments namely UDH, LSG, Revenue and Krishi Upaj Mandi have onboarded on the new State RoW portal. It was informed by DoIT&C that other Departments and organisations like PWD, RIICO and Energy shall be onboarded soon.

Chief Secretary, GoR directed to onboard all remaining Departments and complete mapping of concerned officials in the new RoW portal in a time bound manner.

(Action by: Energy/PWD/RIICO/DoIT&C)

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

- a. It was informed by DoT that there has been substantial reduction in the RoW pending applications in old State RoW portal as compared to the last SBC Meeting held in March, 2025 due to regular follow up with concerned authorities.

Presently, 38 applications are pending in old State RoW portal, where applications were accepted till 31st December, 2024.

Chief Secretary, GoR directed to dispose the pending applications early. He also instructed that the applications pending at applicants' end also be reviewed and necessary action be taken.

- b. It was further apprised that RoW applications are being accepted on the new portal and permissions/intimations are getting issued through this portal. It was 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 which could be due to gaps in mapping of officials.

DoT requested to expedite mapping of the officials on the portal at the earliest for its effective utilization.

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

3. Uniform Restoration Charges of Optical Fibre Cable (OFC)

DoT informed that order dated 16-05-2025 for uniform restoration charges for underground OFC laying has been issued by PWD and UDH. This will facilitate automatic generation of demand notes on RoW Portal and expedite grant of RoW permissions.

It was informed by DoIT&C that the uniform restoration charges have been incorporated on the portal and generation of demand notes has begun.

(Action by: DoIT&C)

4. Charges for multiple cables erected on the poles

DoT apprised that the issue of multiple cables on poles, raised by internet service providers requires a concerned decision.

UDH informed that the matter will be reviewed in consultation with DoT.

(Action by: UDH/DoT)

5. 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 4481 asset owners and 3616 excavators. There has been almost tenfold improvement in the enquiries/intimation generation through the app during the last three months, compared to the earlier pattern. However, Departments such as UDH and WRD may improve usage. It was also noticed that majority of the enquiries are under 'others' category (2081 out of 2725) which requires detailed analysis by DoT.

UDH informed that they have issued a circular dated 23-06-2025 for usage of the CBuD app. It was directed that the circular issued by UDH be made applicable to other concerned Departments as well.

DoT further informed that the efforts are being made to create District Level Telecom Committee (DLTC) in different districts and to include CBuD in its agenda. Presently, 28 districts out of 41 have created login for DLTC.

Chief Secretary, GoR directed concerned Departments to get mapping of field officials up to relevant level in CBuD. DoIT&C was instructed to take up the matter with District collectors wherein DLTC login creation is pending.

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

6. PRAGATI Issues (BSNL 4G Saturation & Amended BharatNet)

a. BSNL 4G Saturation Project

CGM, BSNL, Rajasthan apprised that 1341 remote villages in the state of Rajasthan have been planned for 4G saturation project (being implemented through BSN) out of which 1335 sites have been allotted. The summarised status of 4G Saturation project of Government of India is as follows:

Category /stage	Pending	Remarks
Revenue land allotment pending	0	
Forest/wildlife land allotment pending	6	Udaipur- 3 ; Pratapgarh -2 Karauli -1
Land allotted but Forest/ wildlife permission awaited	25	Udaipur-19; Barmer-3; Jaisalmer-1 Rajsamand – 1; Hanumangarh-1

In addition to the above, BSNL has been entrusted with 69 more sites in different districts out of which land has been allotted for 25 sites and Non-Availability Certificate has been issued for 13 sites by district administration. As such, 31 sites are pending for land allotment.

It was further informed by BSNL that 58 demand notes for electrical connections required for telecom towers are pending against 1314 connections applied by BSNL.

It was directed to the concerned Departments to dispose of the applications pending at the State level expeditiously and BSNL to also coordinate with the concerned Departments on regular basis. It was also directed that DoT in consultation with DoIT&C shall give status and plan for connectivity to the uncovered villages in the next meeting.

(Action by: Forest/Energy/BSNL/ DoT/ DoIT&C)

b. BharatNet Project

DoT informed that Amended BharatNet project, funded by Govt of India is meant to provide broadband connectivity to remaining Gram Panchayats (2576 GPs out of

11,214) through optical fibre network. Further, the Government of India has notified it as special project under Telecom RoW Rules, 2024 to facilitate RoW approvals and its implementation.

To enhance the usage of existing BharatNet optical fibre network, DoT has notified a Gram Panchayat (GP) Digital Access Committee (DAC) under Samriddh Gram Panchayat project. Presently, 102 DACs have been formed out of 306 GPs identified. DoIT&C has also issued a reminder dated 10-07-2025 to Panchayati Raj Department for forming DACs in remaining GPs.

Panchayati Raj Department was directed to expedite formation of DACs in remaining GPs.

(Action by: RD & PR)

7. 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. The street furniture items are required to be updated on regular basis on the portal.

It was observed that traffic lights & street light figures under LSG Department are very low compared to the expected figures. LSG informed that data has been collected and the same has been communicated to Industries Department for uploading on the NMP portal.

Energy Department stated that electricity poles mapping on the portal should be judicious and may primarily cover populated/inhabited area instead of covering all electric poles as the number is quite large and may not be relevant.

Energy Department was directed to primarily cover inhabited area for mapping of electric poles. It was also directed that DoT may produce comparative data of street furniture mapping from other states, for reference in the next meeting.

(Action by: Energy/LSG/Industry & Commerce/ DoT)

8. Common Duct Policy

DoT informed that the Telecommunications Act, 2023 and Telecom RoW Rules, 2024 have provisions for common duct and cable corridors to avoid repeated digging activities by different Departments and damage to the existing services.

UDH informed that they will study the policies in other states in this regard.

(Action by: UDH)

9. Implementation of The Electricity (Promoting Renewable Energy Through Green Energy Open Access) (Second Amendment) Rules, 2023

DoT informed that Notification dated 21-05-2025 has been issued by the Rajasthan Electricity Regulatory Commission (RERC) after stakeholders' consultation.

10. Other Issues

The following issues were raised by DIPA:

- a) Notices are being issued by Nagar Palika/Nagar Parishad etc. to stop the work/shift the tower and furnish reply to the Notice.
- b) The appointment of Nodal officer under Section 14(4) of The Telecommunications Act, 2023 pertaining to coercive action is awaited.

DoIT&C informed that nodal officer under the section 14(4) of the Act has been designated.

DoT apprised that complaints/removal/disputes etc. related to telecom towers should be brought to the notice of concerned District Magistrates as provisioned in Section 18 of The Telecommunications Act, 2023.

The Chief Secretary, GoR directed DoIT&C to circulate the provision to the district collectors in this regard.

(Action by: DoIT&C)

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

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

(Prabhoo Dayal Jat)
Director (Rural)
DoT, Rajasthan

Copy to: All participating members

Annexure-I

The list of participants for the 14th SBC Meeting convened under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, GoR on 21 July, 2025.

Government of Rajasthan

1. Sh. Abhay Kumar, Addl. Chief Secretary, Water Resources Department
2. Sh. Anand Kumar, Addl. Chief Secretary, Forest Department
3. Sh. Praveen Gupta, Addl. Chief Secretary, Public Works Department
4. Sh. Ajitabh Sharma, Principal Secretary, Energy Department
5. Sh. Alok Gupta, Principal Secretary, Industries Department
6. Sh. Debasish Prusty, Principal Secretary, UDH Department
7. Smt. Archana Singh, Secretary, IT&C Department
8. Sh. Arun Prasad, APCCF (FCA), Forest Department
9. Sh. Rajesh Kumar Chauhan, Director, Agriculture Marketing Department
10. Sh. Birdi Chand Gangwal, DS - Revenue Department
11. Sh. Darbari Lal, Technical Director, DoIT&C
12. Sh. Manish Beniwal, CE, PHED
13. Sh. R.K. Luthra, ACE, PWD
14. Sh. Sanjay Sharma, SE, Panchayati Raj Department
15. Sh. Narendra Ajmera, SE, Local Self Government (LSG)
16. Sh. Ashish Kumar Gupta, Addl. Director, DoIT&C

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

17. Sh. Anand Katoch, DDG(Rural)
18. Sh. Prabhoo Dayal Jat, Director (Rural)
19. Sh. Satyapal Meena, ADG(Rural)
20. Sh. Mahaveer Prasad Meena, Asst. Director (Rural)

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

21. Sh. Vikram Malviya, CGM, BSNL, Rajasthan
22. Sh. Lokesh Kumar Gupta, PGM, BSNL
23. Sh. Gulab Chand Jeengar, DGM (NPD), BSNL

TSP/IP Associations

24. Sh. Vishal Singh Jadoun– representative COAI
25. Sh. Vikram Singh – representative DIPA