



Minutes of Meeting

The 16th Meeting of State Broadband Committee (SBC) was held on 13th February 2026 at 04:00 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 15th SBC Meeting held on 4th November, 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, 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. required to be incorporated in State RoW Portal. DoT requested for implementation of remaining provisions also in the portal.

DoIT&C informed that presently, four Departments namely UDH, LSG, Revenue and Krishi Upaj Mandi have onboarded on the new State RoW portal and other Departments & organisations namely PWD, Energy and RIICO are in advanced stage of development and shall be onboarded soon.

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

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

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.

DoT requested to all concerned department to issue suitable instruction to their subordinate offices/ agencies for regular accessing of State RoW portal so that the applications are scrutinised suitably and deemed approvals are minimised.

(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 administered by DoT, GoI with registration of 5246 asset owners and 4237 excavators.

DoIT&C informed that in compliance to last SBC, comprehensive instructions have been issued vide order dated 21st January 2026, applicable for all concerned departments/agencies involved in digging.

DoT requested for regular workshops by the departments in coordination with DoT/DoIT&C to enhance the usage of CBuD app.

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

4. Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN) Funded Projects

a. 4G Saturation Project (by BSNL)

CGM, BSNL, Rajasthan apprised about 4G Saturation Project and Border Out Post (BOP) Project being implemented by them. Further, the summarised status of forest/wildlife pending cases under 4G Saturation Project is as follows:

Category	Pending	status
Land allotted but Forest/ wildlife permission awaited	06	Total pending cases- 6 Wildlife – 5 cases of Udaipur Wildlife warden- 1 (now with CWLW) EE&CC Ministry- 1 BSNL (EDS) - 3 Forest – 01 case Udaipur- 8 (FRA-2008)

It was further apprised that the one forest case of Udaipur has been delisted in Parivesh portal of Environmental Ministry and is being processed in offline mode, as it pertains to FRA-2008. BSNL requested to expedite the case(s) pending at State level.

During the discussion, CGM, BSNL informed that recently 68 sites under Category-5 and 333 sites under Category-6 have been included in 4G Saturation project for which land allotment process is underway.

DoIT&C informed that as desired during the last State Broadband Committee (SBC) Meeting, DoIT&C, based on inputs from the District Administration, has recently provided list of 457 villages to DoT on 10-02-2026 which do not have mobile coverage.

DoT informed that the same will be examined in accordance with coverage criteria of DoT and DoIT&C will be informed accordingly.

(Action by: Forest/BSNL/DoT)

b. BharatNet Project (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 BharatNet under phase -1 in the State of Rajasthan, as per BSNL, is as follows:

S.No.	Particulars	Total	Covered	Uncovered
1.	Total no of blocks	352	221	131
2.	Total no of GPs	11352	8776	2576

It was further informed by BSNL that Amended BharatNet Project (ABP) is under finalization with following coverage, network topology, maintenance aspects:

- Blocks planned to be covered - 131
- GPs planned to be covered - 2576
- Total planned OFC cable laying - 63,162 KM
- The entire BharatNet network is being brought on Ring Topology and the created network will go for AMC with the same vendor for 10 Years.

During the discussion, it was informed by DoIT&C to BSNL that more than 1700 existing Gram Panchayats (GPs) are faulty since last 18 months due to fibre cut which are required to be restored expeditiously.

DoT informed that the Addendum to the Tripartite MoU regarding BharatNet has been duly signed by DoT & BSNL and now required to be signed by DoIT&C on behalf of State. It was informed by DoIT&C that comments on the same are awaited from Panchayati Raj and Energy department as these departments has to provide infrastructure and services to BSNL. DoT requested to expedite the matter.

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

5. Establishment of Digital Connectivity Infrastructure (DCI) for In-Building Solutions:

Addl. DGT, DoT informed that in order to improve the quality of service of voice & data of mobile and broadband network within buildings, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has notified the “*Rating of Properties for Digital Connectivity Regulations, 2024*”. A DO letter dated 16 January 2026 for need of DCI in built environment has been written by Chairman, TRAI to the Chief Secretaries of all the States. Further, the National Building Code (NBC)-2016 provides a separate section 6 on “Information and Communication Enabled Installation” for creation of DCI.

Subsequently, Model Bye Laws have been modified in Rajasthan to take care of Common Telecom Infrastructure (CTI) for provisioning of In-Building Solutions (IBS) which mandates NOC from Rajasthan Licensed Service Area (LSA), DoT. It is understood that approvals of the buildings are being given on the basis of affidavit from the developers. It was requested that

- NOC may be made mandatory to improve quality of service within specified buildings as mentioned in the State Building Bye Laws and

- Rating of the buildings above certain types/sizes be also obtained by the developers as per TRAI framework as mandatory requirement.

It was decided that UDH and DoT, Rajasthan shall coordinate for implementation of Digital Connectivity Infrastructure for such buildings.

(Action by: UDH / DoT)

6. Issues raised by Telecom Associations (COAI, DIPA & others)

The following issues were discussed during the meeting:

a) Deployment of smart meters at telecom sites:

As agreed in the last SBC meeting regarding deployment of smart meters at telecom sites, it was informed that more than 1800 smart meters have been installed and further deployment is in progress.

DoT informed that Ministry of Power, vide its letter dated 7th October, 2025 also mentions to ensure smart metering of all telecom tower sites.

It was agreed to expedite the same in coordination with Energy department.

(Action by: DIPA/COAI/Energy)

b) Consideration of Industrial tariff instead of commercial tariff for telecom industry

DoT informed that the matter has been apprised to the Rajasthan Electricity Regulatory Commission (RERC), being the appropriate Authority.

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

The minutes are issued with the approval of Competent Authority.

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DoT, Rajasthan

Copy to: All Participating Members

Annexure-I

The list of participants for the 16th SBC Meeting convened under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, GoR on 13 Feb., 2026.

Government of Rajasthan

1. Sh. Praveen Gupta, Addl. Chief Secretary, Public Works Department
2. Smt. Manju Rajpal, Principal Secretary, Agriculture Department
3. Sh. Debasish Prusty, Principal Secretary, UDH Department
4. Sh. Ravi Jain, Secretary, Local Self Government (LSG)
5. Dr. Ravi Kumar Surpur, Secretary, IT&C Department
6. Sh. Himanshu Gupta, Commissioner and Special Secretary, IT&C Department
7. Dr. 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. S.S. Shah, Addl. Commissioner, Industries & Commerce Department
11. Smt. Amrita Choudhary, JS, Water Resources Department
12. Sh. K.C. Kumawat, Sr. Deputy Secretary, Revenue Department
13. Sh. Darbari Lal, Technical Director, DoIT&C
14. Sh. R. K. Sharma, Technical Director, JVVNL, Energy Department
15. Sh. Anoop Kumar Saxena, Sr, DGM, RIICO
16. Sh. Ashish Kumar Gupta, Additional Director, DoIT&C
17. Sh. Sanjay Sharma, SE, Panchayati Raj Department
18. Sh. Gopal Das Mangal, XEN, Panchayati Raj Department

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

19. Sh Mukesh Kr Chauhan, Addl. DGT, Rajasthan LSA (Convenor)
20. Sh. Anand Katoch, DDG(Rural)
21. Sh. Prabhoo Dayal Jat, Director (Rural)
22. Sh. Satypal Meena, ADG(Rural)

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

23. Sh. Vikram Malviya, CGM, BSNL
24. Smt. Nidhi Mathur, PGM, BSNL
25. Sh. Ashok Maheshwari, PGM, BSNL

TSP/IP Associations

26. Sh. Raman Srivastava, AVP (Operations), DIPA
27. Sh. Achyut Vitthal Agarwal, Manager, COAI