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Minutes of 11th SBC Meeting, Arunachal Pradesh

Held on 05.05.2026 at Civil Secretariat, Arunachal Pradesh

1. The 11th State Broadband Committee (SBC) meeting of Arunachal Pradesh was held under the chairmanship of the Ld. Chief Secretary Shri Manish Kumar Gupta at the Civil Secretariat, Arunachal Pradesh on 05.05.2026. The list of participants is attached at Annexure-I. Representatives of BSNL, BharatNet, Airtel, RJIL and other Telecom Service Providers attended the meeting as special invitees. Representatives from COAI and DIPA also attended the meeting virtually.
2. At the outset, DDG (SC), DoT welcomed all the participants and, with the permission of the Chair, made a presentation covering the status of telecom infrastructure and telecom-related issues in the State of Arunachal Pradesh.
3. With the permission of the Chair, DDG(SC) made a presentation and covered the following:
 - National Broadband Mission (NBM) 2.0
 - Telecom infrastructure status in Arunachal Pradesh
 - Action Taken Report (ATR) on decisions of previous SBC meetings
 - Status & issues of ongoing DBN funded projects in Arunachal Pradesh
 - I. 4G Saturation Project
 - II. Mobile coverage of BOP/BIP sites
 - III. DBN funded project of M/s BHL (Airtel)
 - IV. Amended BharatNet Program
 - Issues related to Electricity Connections at Telecom Sites
 - Utilization of BharatNet Network and FTTH connections
 - Formation of DAC under Samriddh Gram Panchayat initiative
 - Utilization of OPGW (Optical Ground Wire) in the State
 - Implementation of Call Before u Dig (CBuD)
 - GIS Mapping of Street Furniture and PM GatiShakti Portal
 - CEIR / Sanchar Saathi and Taskforce for Cyber Frauds
 - Issues raised by Telecom Industry Associations and TSPs
4. The Ld. Chief Secretary Shri Manish Kumar Gupta reaffirmed the commitment of the State Government towards providing all possible support for implementation of telecom and broadband projects in Arunachal Pradesh and stressed upon coordinated efforts among all departments and stakeholders for improving connectivity in remote and border areas of the State.

Deliberations and Decisions Taken:

A. National Broadband Mission (NBM) 2.0

5. DDG(SC) presented the key objectives and targets of NBM 2.0 for the period 2025–2030. The Committee noted that the Mission aims to extend OFC connectivity to villages, provide broadband connectivity to anchor institutions such as Schools, PHCs, Anganwadi Centres and Panchayat offices, improve broadband speeds, reduce RoW approval timelines, increase rural internet penetration and strengthen implementation of the Call Before u Dig (CBuD) platform. The Chair emphasized the importance of coordinated efforts among all stakeholders for achieving the objectives of NBM 2.0 in Arunachal Pradesh.

B. Telecom Infrastructure Status and Fiberisation of BTSs

6. The Committee reviewed the telecom infrastructure status in Arunachal Pradesh. Out of a total of 5993 villages (as per RGI November 2019 List), 4860 villages are covered with telecom services, while 1133 villages remained uncovered as on 31.03.2026. It was informed that the State presently has 7341 BTSs, out of which 3201 BTSs are fiberized, resulting in overall BTS fiberization of 43.61%. The Ld. Chief Secretary noted that further improvement in BTS fiberization is required. The Ld. Chief Secretary directed all TSPs to continue efforts for increasing BTS fiberization in the State and submit updated action plans for fiberization of BTSs in the State to DoT and IT&C Department. (Action by: All TSPs)

C. Lat-Long Coordinates of Villages

7. DoT informed that authenticated latitude and longitude coordinates of villages are essential for accurate assessment of telecom coverage and planning of uncovered villages under various 4G projects. The IT Department informed that coordinates of Gram Panchayats have already been provided and it would be difficult to provide coordinates of all 5993 villages. Secretary (IT&C) informed that geo-coordinates would be provided on demand basis as and when sought by DoT. (Action by: IT Department and DoT)

D. DBN funded 4G Saturation Project being executed by BSNL

8. The status of the 4G Saturation Project was presented before the Committee. It was informed that against the planned 689 sites, 634 towers have been erected and 343 sites are presently on-air covering 668 villages. The Ld. Chief Secretary expressed displeasure regarding the low number of commissioned sites. BSNL informed that delay in commissioning of sites is mainly due to shortage of VSATs. GM, BSNL informed that tender for procurement of VSATs is under process by Bangalore unit of BSNL.
9. The Ld. Chief Secretary mentioned that the 4G tower of BSNL at Bruni in Dibang Valley District is not functioning. BSNL informed that the mobile tower at Bruni was commissioned on VSAT; however, due to fault in the VSAT equipment, the site has become non-functional. BSNL assured that the fault would be rectified within one week.
10. DoT apprised the State Government regarding revision of high demand notes for EB connections. While significant progress has been made with EB connections for 4G saturation sites, a ceiling of ₹3 lakh for demand notes for all remaining electrified

villages would be very helpful for complete realization of the 4G Saturation Project. The Ld. Chief Secretary instructed the Secretary (Power) to reconsider high demand notes by applying special rates for telecom infrastructure.

11. Further, the Ld. Chief Secretary directed BSNL and the Power Department to hold a separate meeting to resolve issues related to EB connections. (Action by: Power Department and BSNL)
12. It was further informed that additional 417 sites under Category-5 and 137 sites under Category-6 have been approved under the project and land acquisition is under process. NOCs from District Administrations for 55 sites have already been received by BSNL. BSNL informed that request letters for land allotment have been sent to all concerned Deputy Commissioners.
13. The Ld. Chief Secretary directed IT&C Department and BSNL to closely coordinate with District Administrations for expediting land allotment and related formalities. (Action by: BSNL, IT Department and Deputy Commissioners)

E. Mobile Coverage of BOP/BIP Sites

14. The status of the project for providing mobile connectivity to Border Out Posts (BOPs) and Border Intelligence Posts (BIPs) was reviewed. It was informed that out of 105 planned sites, land has been acquired for 98 sites while 25 sites are presently on-air. BSNL informed that 55 sites are non-motorable and face accessibility constraints.

F. DBN Funded Project "Provision of 4G Mobile Services in Uncovered Villages of Arunachal Pradesh" being executed by M/s BHL

15. Provision of 4G Mobile Services in uncovered villages being executed by M/s BHL was also reviewed. It was informed that out of 478 planned sites after survey, 475 towers have already been commissioned covering 938 villages. Airtel reported accessibility issues at Ranghil and Kenyam sites in Changlang District and one local issue relating to halt of work by ITBP at Bishing in Upper Siang District. The Ld. Chief Secretary directed that a joint meeting of TSPs, DoT and ITBP be held to resolve the issue at Bishing. (Action by: M/s BHL, DoT and ITBP)
16. The Ld. Chief Secretary further directed the IT Department and District Administrations to coordinate with concerned agencies including BRO for early resolution of issues in Changlang District. (Action by: IT Department, District Administrations and M/s BHL)
17. Regarding forest and wildlife clearances for 8 sites, the Ld. Chief Secretary instructed the Forest Department to pursue the matter with MoEF&CC, Government of India for NBWL clearance. (Action by: M/s BHL and PCCF)

G. Key Issues related to Power Department

18. It was informed that Arunachal Pradesh has adopted the Composite Billing Scheme. The Power Department has already issued letters dated 19.02.2026 and 05.09.2025 to all distribution divisions for implementation of composite billing and installation of smart prepaid meters at telecom sites on a priority basis. The Ld. Chief Secretary



instructed all TSPs and IPs to apply for composite billing and smart metering with the Power Department. (Action by: All TSPs & IPs)

19. Representative of DIPA raised issues related to high EB demand notes and faulty electricity meters. The Ld. Chief Secretary instructed all TSPs and IPs to hold a meeting with the Power Department along with DoT for resolution of the issues. (Action by: All TSPs & IPs, DoT and Power Department)

H. Amended BharatNet Program (ABP)

20. GM, BharatNet presented the status of the Amended BharatNet Program in Arunachal Pradesh. It was informed that 1769 villages/GPs are planned under the program and M/s ITI Ltd along with its consortium partner Tera Soft Ltd has been selected as the Project Implementing Agency for Arunachal Pradesh. The Committee discussed responsibilities of the State Government under the State Support Agreement including facilitation of Right of Way (RoW), electricity connections, provision of space for equipment, conduct of DLTC meetings and utilization of OPGW fibers.
21. The Ld. Chief Secretary directed all concerned departments to nominate nodal officers for effective coordination of BharatNet activities and ensure timely support for implementation of the project. (Action by: IT Department and Concerned Departments)
22. GM, BharatNet requested State Government cooperation for providing electricity connections at GP sites with single billing mechanism. He informed that requests have already been submitted to the Power Department for consolidated demand notes for GP sites. He also sought support for permitting use of Power Department poles for laying overhead OFC. The Ld. Chief Secretary directed the Power Department to appoint a nodal officer for ABP and extend necessary coordination in the matter. (Action by: BSNL, BharatNet and Power Department)

I. Utilization of BharatNet Network and FTTH Connections

23. DDG(SC), DoT informed that funds amounting to ₹50 crore have been allocated to the State under the Scheme of Special Assistance to States for capital investment in last-mile FTTH connectivity to Government institutions. The IT Department raised the issue of unconfigurable BharatNet equipment at GP sites and sought timelines for restoration and configuration of the sites. GM, BharatNet sought time up to 31st May 2026 for repair and restoration of all 75 GP sites. (Action by: BharatNet)
24. Further, the Committee reviewed provisioning of FTTH connectivity under BharatNet to Government schools, PHCs, Anganwadis, Panchayat offices and rural households. BSNL informed that lists of 295 Government secondary schools and 115 PHCs have already been shared with the concerned departments along with draft MoUs and CAF formats. The Ld. Chief Secretary directed the Education and Health Departments to appoint nodal officers and coordinate with BSNL for implementation of FTTH connectivity in mission mode. (Action by: Education Department, Health Department and BSNL)

J. Formation of DAC under Samriddh Gram Panchayat Initiative



25. DoT informed that four Gram Panchayats have been identified under the pilot Samridhh Gram Panchayat initiative in Arunachal Pradesh and Digital Access Committees (DACs) have already been constituted in all identified locations. BSNL informed that FTTH connections have commenced in Balijan and Doimukh GPs. The Ld. Chief Secretary directed District Administrations to promote awareness regarding FTTH adoption and utilization of BharatNet services at village-level institutions. (Action by: IT Department, District Administrations and BSNL)

K. Utilization of OPGW Infrastructure

26. The Committee reviewed utilization of Optical Ground Wire (OPGW) infrastructure in the State. DoT informed that the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) has issued directions for deployment of minimum 48-core OPGW in future transmission projects. The Ld. Chief Secretary directed that coordination meetings be held among DoT, Power Department, PGCIL and TSPs for preparation of an action plan regarding utilization of OPGW fibers for telecom connectivity and BharatNet redundancy. (Action by: DoT, Power Department, PGCIL and TSPs)

L. Lack of Telecom Services between Hollongi Airport and Itanagar

27. The Ld. Chief Secretary raised the issue of non-availability of telecom services between Hollongi Airport and Chimpu, Itanagar for a stretch of almost 10 KM. BSNL informed that one tower at Longi Kodo has already been commissioned. However, the Ld. Chief Secretary observed that mobile coverage is still poor in the stretch and may pose security concerns during VIP movement. The Ld. Chief Secretary directed all TSPs to take necessary action for enhancement and improvement of telecom networks along the route. (Action by: All TSPs)

M. Call Before u Dig (CBuD)

28. The Committee reviewed implementation of the Call Before u Dig (CBuD) platform. It was observed that the number of registered excavators and enquiries generated through the portal remains low. The Ld. Chief Secretary directed all departments to mandate use of CBuD in excavation-related works, ensure registration of excavators and include CBuD as an agenda item in DLTC meetings. (Action by: IT Department and Deputy Commissioners)

N. GIS Mapping of Street Furniture and PM GatiShakti Portal

29. The Planning Department informed that mapping and validation of electric poles, Government buildings, bus shelters and other street furniture is ongoing. The Ld. Chief Secretary directed all concerned departments to expedite data collection and uploading of layers on the PM GatiShakti portal. (Action by: Planning Department and Concerned Departments)

O. Sanchar Saathi Portal / CEIR

30. DDG(SC) briefed the Committee regarding the Sanchar Saathi App and CEIR portal. It was informed that Arunachal Pradesh has achieved better recovery percentage of lost mobile handsets compared to the national average and CEIR integration with CCTNS has already been completed. DDG(SC) further informed that the recovery percentage

of mobile handsets in Arunachal Pradesh is 41.42%; however, recovery percentage in some districts is still below the desired level. SP Cybercrime informed that the department is regularly monitoring recovery of handsets and would further increase awareness regarding CEIR and Sanchar Saathi App.

31. The Ld. Chief Secretary directed all concerned departments and police authorities to ensure effective utilization of the portal and enhance awareness regarding CEIR and Sanchar Saathi. (Action by: Police Department and IT Department)

P. Taskforce for Preventing Cybercrime using Telecom Resources

32. DoT informed that the State-level taskforce for curbing misuse of telecom resources for cybercrime and financial frauds has already been constituted and the first meeting has been conducted. The Committee appreciated the coordinated efforts of DoT, Police Department, SIB and TSPs.

Q. Concerns of Telecom Industry (COAI, DIPA and TSPs)

33. DIPA raised issues related to high EB demand note charges, replacement of faulty electricity meters, deployment of smart meters and electricity billing at telecom sites. The Ld. Chief Secretary noted that the Power Department has already initiated action for implementation of smart metering and composite billing mechanisms and directed DIPA and Power department to resolve the issues in a time-bound manner. (Action by: Power Department and DIPA)
34. The Ld. Chief Secretary concluded the meeting by thanking all participants and instructing departments to promptly act on decisions made and submit the Action Taken Reports (ATRs).

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Annexure-I

Meeting of 11th State Broadband Committee

List of Participants

Sl. No	Name	Designation
1.	Shri Manish Kumar Gupta, IAS	Chief Secretary, Arunachal Pradesh
2.	Shri A.K. Singh, IAS	Commissioner (Power), Arunachal Pradesh
3.	Shri Nyali Ete, IAS	Commissioner (Home), Arunachal Pradesh
4.	Dr. Sonal Swaroop, IAS	Secretary (IT&C), Arunachal Pradesh
5.	Shri Duly Kamduk, IAS	Secretary (Edu/RWD), Arunachal Pradesh
6.	Shri Tapek Riba, IFS	CCF (HQ), Arunachal Pradesh
7.	Smti Anjitha Chepyala, IPS	SP (Cyber Crime), Arunachal Pradesh
8.	Shri Ramawater Menna, ITS	DDG(SC), DoT, Arunachal Pradesh
9.	Shri Mukesh Meena, ITS	GM, BSNL, BharatNet, NE-II
10.	Shri Deli Kambu	SE RWD (PMGSY), Arunachal Pradesh
11.	Shri Kago Tabiyo	CE RWD (D&P), Arunachal Pradesh
12.	Shri Tahus Riddi	AE RWD (D&P), Arunachal Pradesh
13.	Shri Bumchu Krong	Inspector O/C, Arunachal Pradesh
14.	Dr. Swapna Acharjee	Scientist, State PM GatiShakti Data Centre
15.	Shri Monuj kr. Borah	P&D Engineer, Arunachal Pradesh
16.	Smti Yater Pari	DD, IT&C, Arunachal Pradesh
17.	Shri Serra Nelam	AD, IT&C, Arunachal Pradesh
18.	Shri Yumnam Arun	CICO, IT&C, Arunachal Pradesh
19.	Shri Harsh Mittal	ADET(SC), DoT, Arunachal Pradesh
20.	Shri Mithun Kumar	IANL, RJIL
21.	Shri Sib Kumar Sarma	Legal &Regulatory Head, Airtel
22.	Shri Debashis Sarmah	RJIL
23.	Shri Alok Jaimal	Advisor, ITI
24.	Shri SLP Vaiphei	GM, BSNL, Arunachal Pradesh
25.	Shri Tajum Jeram	AGM, BSNL, Arunachal Pradesh
26.	Shri Pragya Nand Kumar	Airtel Manager

* Representatives of TSPs and the telecom industry attended the meeting through VC.