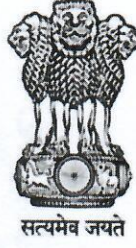


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16. The Town & Country Planner, A & Islands
17. The Representatives of TSPs (Airtel, RJIL & VIL)

Sub: Minutes of 3<sup>rd</sup> SBC Meeting – Reg.

Sir/Madam,

With reference to the 3<sup>rd</sup> SBC meeting notice dated 06-06-2024, kindly find attached MoM (minutes of meeting) of 3<sup>rd</sup> SBC meeting held on 12-06-2024 at conference hall, Secretariat under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary, A&N Islands.


This is issued with the approval of chairman of committee State Broadband.

  
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### **Minutes of SBC Meeting in A&N UT, held on 12.06.2024**

In pursuance of the objectives of National Broadband Mission (NBM), the State Broadband Committee (SBC) meeting of Andaman & Nicobar UT was held on 12.06.2024 under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary, A&N UT Administration, through hybrid mode (both physical & Video Conference (VC)), list of participants enclosed in (Annexure – I).

DDG, DoT A&N welcomed all the participants and explained about the broad functions of SBC (State Broadband Committee) and NBM deliverables and outcomes and efforts undertaken by all (UT Admin./USOF /DOT/BSNL/BBNL) to achieve them. Thereafter, following agenda points were deliberated and important decision were taken which are as below-

#### **1. National Broadband Mission deliverables and outcomes:**

DDG, DoT, A&N presented the targets and achievements of the annual implementation plan in respect of A&N Islands. It is noted that the achievements in respect of status of percentage of Broadband connectivity to inhabited villages and percentage of mapping of fibre are not achieved by March-2024.

The Chief Secretary-cum-Chairman of SBC, directed all the TSPs to complete the GIS mapping of Optical Fibre Cable network and the towers(/proposed) at the earliest and achieve the target. It was informed that some of the villages are technically not feasible to provide FTTH or terrestrial wireless connectivity and are only feasible through VSAT.

It was assured that with the completion of the ongoing USOF projects majority of the inhabited villages will be having Mobile Broadband connectivity.

#### **➤ Action by all TSPs and BBNL**

#### **2. RoW Policy Issues:**

A&N Administration has made necessary amendments in the exiting RoW policy/guidelines in line with Central RoW Amendment Rules and notified through Administrative Order No I/23524/2023, dated 23.05.2023 to be in conformity with Indian Telegraph Right of Way Rules 2016 and IT (Amendment) Rules 2022.

A&N Administration has made necessary amendments to the Right of Policy-cum-Guidelines and notified vide Order No I/111467/2024, dated 06.06.2024 to be in conformity with Indian Telegraph Right of Way (Amendment) Rules, 2023 issued by Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications vide Notification dated 7th August, 2023. CS directed to finalise the common duct policy at the earliest.

#### **➤ Action by APWD**

### 3. 5G Implementation Issues:

DoT LSA unit has informed that first 5G services was launched by Airtel on 24.03.2023 in Port Blair and followed by RJIL. There are 117 No. of 5G BTSs installed as on 31/05/24. Currently 5G services are available in Port Blair and Swaraj Dweep Island (with only one BTS).

Issue/ Action description	Target date	Action taken by	
GIS mapping (OFC layer/Power connection/Street furniture) on NMP portal	31.03.23	DIT/PBMC/ Electricity department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• out of 28 mandatory layers, 24 layers have been completely updated in the portal, 04 data layers (Embankments, Canals, Economic zones and sewer lines) are not applicable for A&amp;N Islands.</li> <li>• 101 additional layers have been updated including Streetlight Poles, Electrical Poles, Traffic Light Poles, Bus Terminus, Government Buildings have been updated in PM GATI Shakti Portal</li> </ul>
5G form on central RoW portal.	31.12.22	DIT	5G Form activated in GatiShakti Sanchar Portal (GSSP)
Provision for common electricity bill for small cells	Post Launch of 5G Services in A&N UT	Electricity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ministry of Power issued/ notified an advisory dated 24.05.2023 on the implementation of a Composite Billing Scheme for Multiple connections of Telecom Service Providers.</li> <li>• Composite billing has been implemented for all TSPs through online.</li> </ul>

### 4. National Building Code for in-building fiber and issue of addendum to Model Building Bye-Laws, 2016:

Model building bye-laws has been approved by the Competent Authority and is in the process of notification.

➤ Action by PBMC/APWD

### 5. USOF – 4G mobile coverage for uncovered villages and NH-04 (Execution by RJIL):

DoT presented the status of the USOF project for providing 4G mobile coverage for identified uncovered villages and coverage along NH in A&N UT. Following action points were deliberated: -

Issues / Action description	Target date	Action taken by	Present status
Issue of set –apart / NOC order for 13 revenue sites	30.11.2022	DIT / DC(N&MA)	Set-apart order issued
Issue of set –apart / NOC order for 14 revenue sites	30.11.2022	DIT / Sec (Rev) / DC CN	Set-apart order issued

State-I/II RoW permission for 39 eligible forest sites	30.11.2022	DIT / PCCF	Working permission issued
Solution to 18 EFA sites	30.11.2022	DIT / PCCF / DC NM / DC SA	19 alternate sites have been identified in lieu of EFA sites.
RoFR certificate for 16 sites in South Andaman & 23 sites in NMA District	30.11.2022	DIT / DC SA & DC NMA	ROFR received and working permission also being issued
Disposal on proposed deletion of sites and suggestion on alternate site in lieu of the proposed deleted sites	30.11.2022	DIT / Secy IT / DCs	

#### Current Status of sites

Status of sites	Private	Revenue	Forest	Tribal	Total
No. of Sites	14	9	51	14	88 (SA-20, N&M-55, NIC-13)
Land allotted	14	9	46	14	83 (Pending:5(N&M))
Tower Erected	14	9	44	0	67
Radiating	14	9	20	0	43
Pending	0	0	31	14	45

- Chief Secretary-cum-Chairman expressed his displeasure over the poor Progress of the projects. CS has referred to Secretary(T) meeting held on 29/04/24, wherein Secretary(T) has directed M/s RJIL that media has to be arranged by RJIL itself and complete the project at the earliest. Chief Secretary asked M/s RJIL to submit the roll out plan within a one week.

#### ➤ Action by RJIL/DOT

#### 6. USOF – 4G saturation project (execution by BSNL):

Following action points were deliberated and discussed -

Issues / Action description	Target date	Action taken by	Present status
Issue of set –apart / NOC order for 34 revenue sites (SA-3 sites, N&MA – 31)	30.11.2022	DIT / DC(SA/N&MA)	Set-apart order issued
Submission of set-apart / NOC application for remaining revenue sites and tribal sites	15.12.2022	CGM BSNL	Set-apart order issued
Issue of set-apart / NOC order for 12 Tribal sites	30.11.2022	DIT / DCs CN	Stage-II approval and working

			permission issued
Suggestion for inclusion of sites in 4G saturation project (from uncovered villages (zero population) list and any strategic / important locations such as LOP / Forest / Police / Army / Navy establishments, etc	15.12.2022	DIT / DCs SA/NMA/CN	DO letter issued to Administrator, USOF dated 05.04.2024 for inclusion of 5 LoPs under 4G Saturation Project
Submission of RoW application for 15 Forest sites in Parivesh Portal	31.12.2022	CGM BSNL	Application submitted and Stage-II & working permission issued

Issues / Action description	Action taken by
Chief Secretary suggested the District Administration to examine LoP and villages having zero population	DO letter sent to Administrator, USOF for inclusion of LoP sites under 4G Saturation Project executed by BSNL on 05.04.2024

### Current status of the project

SNO	Category	Upgradation Sites	New Sites	Total
1	Initial Scope	80	96	176
2	Dropped due to existing Coverage	10	3	13
3	Executable sites	70	93	163

### Status of sites

Status of sites	Private	Revenue	Forest	Tribal	Total Count
No. of Sites	1	64	9	19	93
Land allotted	1	64	9	19	93
Tower Erected	1	51	0	0	52
Tower erection WIP	0	15	4	0	19
Backhaul Ready	1	26	0	0	27
Radiating	0	0	0	0	0

### Roll out plan

Month	New Sites	Upgradation
June-24	10	10
July -24	30	25
Aug -24	28	18
Sept-24	25	17

- Chief Secretary-cum-Chairman asked BSNL to complete the project as per the roll out plan submitted.

➤ **Action by BSNL**

#### 7. BharatNet Project (executed by BBNL/ITI):

Districts	Blocks/	GP	TC	GP (OFC)	GP/TC (Satellite)
N & M	Diglipur	15	-	15	-
N & M	Mayabundar	8	-	8	-
N & M	Rangat	14	-	14	1 + 1*
South	Ferrargunj	19	-	18	-
South	Prothrapur	6	-	6	
South	Hutbay	5	-	5	-
Nicobar	Campbell bay	3	-	3	1 + 1*
Nicobar	Nancowry	-	4	-	4
<b>Total</b>		<b>70</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>6 + 2*</b>

- It was informed that 7.5 KMs of OF cable laying work was pending between Prothrapur to Bathubasti. The contractor who was awarded the work has not commence the work and BBNL is in the process of awarding the work to another contractor. BBNL was asked to complete the work at the earliest.

➤ **Action by BBNL**

Utilisation of the BharatNet cable was presented and 5515 Udyami connections were provided using the BharatNet Cable this includes connections to GPs, Schools/Aganwadi/Colleges/ Universities, Health and Wellness Centre, Govt. Offices/Tehsil office/BHQ/FP Shops/ Police Stations/KVKs, Banks/ Post Offices etc.,

DDG, DoT, suggested to provide FTTH connections to Govt. Institutions and offices for their efficient functioning as provision of FTTH connectivity to schools, Police Stations, Hospitals are parameters of Broadband Readiness Index. OSD IT informed that recently action has been initiated to provide FTTH connection to leftover Police Stations.

- Chief Secretary-cum-Chairman directed to identify schools and PHCs not having broadband connectivity and to take immediate action to provide FTTH connections.

➤ **Action by IT department/Education/Health**

#### 9. Proliferation of Wi-Fi hot spot in A&N as part of PM-WANI project:

DoT unit informed that PM-WANI project for encouraging the proliferation of the Wi-Fi hotspots across A&N UT has been launched during month of December 2021.

##### CURRENT STATUS

- 1.Total (Public Data Office) PDO Access Points (APs) = 67
- 2.PM-WANI PDOs -APs added in year 2021 = 46
- 3.PM-WANI PDOs -APs added in year 2022 = 21
- 4.Total PDO -APs currently in use = 05
- 5.Total PDO -APs not in use = 62

6. BSNL operates PDO business through its tips/ vendors.

- CS has directed to provide WiFi hotspot at Radhanagar Beach, Swaraj Dweep Island and asked IT department to identify potential locations such as tourist places, waiting areas, offices etc., for installation of WiFi hotspots in a time bound manner.

➤ **Action by DoT/BSNL/IT**

#### 10. Broadband Readiness Index (BRI)

The current status of the BRI was presented and was informed that most of the policy related parameters are already complied with and action should be taken to provide fibre connectivity to schools, Hospitals and Police Stations. Also, all the RoW cases shall be cleared within 60 days.

➤ **Action by DC(SA/NMA/Nicobar)/DoT/APWD/ PBMC/Other concerned departments**

#### 11. Other Issues:

(11.1) CS has directed DCs to conduct DLTC (District level Telecom Committee) meetings on regular basis.

➤ **Action by DC (SA/NMA/Nicobar)**

(11.2) It was clarified that utilisations of Electricity poles are already incorporated in the RoW policy, TSPs can directly apply for utilisation of Electricity poles for overhead Optical Fibre Cable.

(11.3) CS directed to BSNL to expedite Optical Fibre Cable laying to NSCB Island and asked IT department to provide necessary inputs such as the footfalls of tourists and likely requirement of bandwidth to BSNL.

➤ **Action by IT department/BSNL**

DDG, DoT, A&N acknowledged and thanked the ANI Administration for support extended for rollout and maintenance of Telecom services in the Islands.

  
(D Bhaskara Rao, ITS)

Deputy Director General (Telecom)

A&N Unit, WBLSA

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- i. Shri Keshav Chandra, IAS, Chief Secretary/Chairman, SBC
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- vi. Town & Country Planner
- vii. James, Officer on Special Duty (IT)

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- ii. Shri. Abhijit Behera, AD, DoT, A&N Unit, WB LSA,
- iii. Shri. Vankudoth Dharmendar Naik, JTO, DoT, A&N Unit, WB LSA,

**3). BSNL:**

- i. Smti. Deepa V.P, GM, BSNL, A&N,
- ii. Shri. Pradeep Kinikar, DE, BSNL, A&N,
- iii. Shri. Satish Alandkar, DE, BSNL, A&N

**4). Airtel:**

- i. Shri. Arun Das, Nodal Officer, Airtel, Kolkata,

**5). RJIL:**

- i. Shri. Suman Pradhan, Nodal Officer, RJIL, Kolkata,
- ii. Shri. Simanta Banerjee, Alternate Nodal Officer, RJIL, A&N,

**6). VIL:**

- i. Shri. Ashwani Thakkar, Nodal Officer, VIL, Kolkata,

**7). BBNL:**

- i. PGM, BBNL, Chennai,
- ii. Jayanti Biswas, Con (Tech), BBNL, A&N



**8). Indus Towers:**

- i. Shri. Shiv Roy
- ii. Aman Mishra
- iii. Thirupathi

**9). COAI/DIPA:**

- i. Shri. Suprateek Gulia, Manager COAI,
- ii. Shri. Raman Srivastav, DIPA,