

GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR

NOTIFICATION

No. ITC.45/2022/1

Shillong, the 17th November 2022

WHEREAS, the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Ministry of Communications, Government of India, envisages "Broadband for All" under the National Broadband Mission (NBM);

AND WHEREAS, in order to achieve the goals of NBM and to roll out 5G services, the Telecom Service providers (TSPs) and Infrastructure Providers (IPs) need to enhance fiberisation of Towers/ Base Transceiver Station (BTSs) by utilising the existing fibres laid by PSUs, fibre laid under BharatNet and fibre sharing amongst TSPs and also to lay additional Optical Fibre Cables (OFC) and erect / use Towers / Poles in the nook and corner of the country;

AND WHEREAS, a large densification of mobile network and access to the street furniture is essential for deploying 5G small cells, to be installed close to every 200 metres;

AND WHEREAS, the utilization of the Government infrastructures such as Government offices / properties / buildings, bus terminals, electric poles, traffic junctions, school buildings etc. is essential to enable such a mega roll-out of mobile towers / poles with minimal charges;

AND WHEREAS, the Government of Meghalaya constituted the State Broadband Committee (SBC) on **18th June 2020**, chaired by the Chief Secretary, to realize the objectives of the National Broadband Mission (NBM);

NOW, THEREFORE, in order to ensure "Broadband for All" under National Broadband Mission, with key emphasis, *inter alia*, on the rollout of 5G network in Meghalaya, the Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to constitute the **"Working Committee under SBC"** under the State Broadband Committee (SBC) as per the following composition:

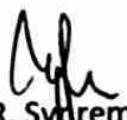
Working Committee under SBC

1.	Principal Secretary/ Commissioner & Secretary, IT&C Department, Govt of Meghalaya	Chairman
2.	Principal Secretary/ Commissioner & Secretary/Secretary, Urban Affairs Department, Govt of Meghalaya	Member
3.	Principal Secretary/ Commissioner & Secretary/Secretary, Community & Rural Development (C&RD) Department, Govt of Meghalaya	Member
4.	Principal Secretary/ Commissioner & Secretary/Secretary, Power Department, Govt of Meghalaya	Member
5.	Principal Secretary/ Commissioner & Secretary/Secretary Planning Department Cum Nodal Officer, GoI, Gati Shakti Infrastructure Projects in the State	Member
6.	Chief Conservator of Forests (Territorial), Forests & Environment Department, Govt of Meghalaya	Member
7.	Director Urban Affairs Department (UAD), Government of Meghalaya	Member
8.	Director, Meghalaya Urban Development Authority (MUDA), UAD, Govt of Meghalaya	Member
9.	Chief Town Planner, UAD, Government of Meghalaya	Member
10.	CEO Shillong Municipal Board, Shillong	Member
11.	CEO Tura Municipal Board, Tura	Member
12.	CEO Jowai Municipal Board, Jowai	Member
13.	DDG (Rural), NE LSA, Shillong, DoT, Govt of India	Member
14.	Director (Distribution), MePDCL	Member
15.	Representatives from BSNL NE -1 Circle, Shillong	Member
16.	Representatives from PWD (Road) Govt of Meghalaya	Member
17.	Representatives from PWD (NH) Govt of Meghalaya	Member
18.	Representative of National Highway Authority of India (NHAI), Shillong	Member
19.	Representative of Digital Infrastructure Providers Association (DIPA)	Member
20.	Representative of Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI)	Member
21.	Representatives of TSPs and IPs	Member
22.	Joint Secretary, IT&C Department	Member Secretary

Terms of Reference: The Terms of Reference (ToR) of the Working Committee under SBC shall be as follows:

- (i) To recommend issuance of necessary addenda and amendment in the existing Meghalaya Telecom Infrastructure Policy 2018.
- (ii) To chalk out strategy for rolling out 5G infrastructure
- (iii) To take appropriate measures in alignment with the Digital Communication Readiness Index (DCRI)
- (iv) To strategize and implement modalities for use of street furniture and other infrastructure for establishing telecom infrastructures
- (v) To implement a system for identification of street furniture and data collection methodology in a standard uniform format.
- (vi) To ensure updation of inventory and reporting in the centralized Gati Shakti RoW portal by respective Departments.
- (vii) To ensure that the centralized Gati Shakti RoW portal facilitates different Departments for online approval of street furniture, including bulk approval options.
- (viii) To conduct monthly review on administrative issues and improvement areas.
- (ix) To identify the designated Nodal officers who shall be responsible for resolving the issue related to specific domains / Departments and the contact details shall be made publicly available.
- (x) To explore simplification of the Power consumption bill. The collective load of all 5G cells in one area / for one operator may be considered as one connection and accordingly flat electricity charges may be applied for street furniture and poles for 5G rollout.
- (xi) To ensure expeditious upgradation of electricity capacity through dedicated teams assigned by Discoms - Meghalaya Energy Corporation Ltd (MeECL) / Meghalaya Power Distribution Corporation Ltd (MePDCL) and to track all pendencies and intervene for resolution. The Discoms to apprise the Working Committee under SBC the foreseeable timelines on the closure of the upgradations.
- (xii) To explore possibility of competitively aligning electricity pole usage charges in coordination with stakeholders.
- (xiii) To ensure security related aspects are addressed such as theft of communication infrastructures i.e batteries, cables, optical fibre cables (OFC) etc.
- (xiv) To coordinate with Urban Affairs Department for alignment with the latest guidelines and notifications of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MOHUA), Government of India.
- (xv) Any other related matter for the furtherance of the overall objectives of the National Broadband Mission (NBM) and 5G rollout in Meghalaya.

The Chairperson of the Working Committee under SBC may co-opt members as may be deemed necessary from time to time.


(M. R. Syiem, IAS)
Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya
Information Technology & Communications Department

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Copy to :

1. P.S. to Chief Minister for favour of kind information of the Hon'ble Chief Minister.
2. P.S. to Deputy Chief Minister for kind information of the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister.
3. P.S. to Minister i/c IT&C Department, for kind information of the Hon'ble Minister.
4. P.S. to Chief Secretary & Chairman, State Broadband Committee (SBC) for kind information of the Chief Secretary.
5. P.S. to Additional Chief Secretary for kind information of the Additional Chief Secretary.
6. PA to Commissioner & Secretary Urban Affairs Department for kind information of C&S, UAD.
7. PA to Commissioner & Secretary, Power Department, for kind information of C&S , Power Department
8. Senior DDG NE LSA, Dept of Telecom Govt of India NE-I Circle Shillong & Member Secretary State Broadband Committee (SBC), for kind information for kind information & necessary action
9. Secretary, Urban Affairs Department for kind information & necessary action
10. Secretary, Community & Rural Development (C&RD) Department, for kind information & necessary action
11. Secretary Planning Department Cum Nodal Officer, Gol, Gati Shakti Infrastructure Projects in the State for kind information & necessary action
12. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (PCCF), Forest & Environment Department, Government of Meghalaya, for kind information & necessary action
13. Chief Conservator of Forests (Territorial) for kind information & necessary action
14. Director, Urban Affairs Department, Government of Meghalaya for kind information & necessary action
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16. Chief Town Planner, Urban Affairs Department, GoM, for kind information & necessary action
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19. CEO, Jowai Municipal Board for kind information & necessary action

20. DDG (Rural) NE LSA DoT –Gol, Shillong for kind information & necessary action
21. Chief General Manager, BSNL, NE-I Circle CTO Building, Shillong, to inform the nominated Representative to the Joint Secretary IT&C Department at earliest
22. Chief Engineer PWD (Road) Government of Meghalaya for kind information & to inform the nominated Representative to the Joint Secretary IT&C Department at earliest
23. Chief Engineer PWD (NH) Government of Meghalaya for kind information & to inform the nominated Representative to the Joint Secretary IT&C Department at earliest
24. The Project Director National Highway Authority of India (NHAI), Shillong, Lower Lachumiere, near o/o SE PWD(Road), Shillong for kind information & necessary action
25. Director General, DIPA, for kind information & to inform the nominated Representative to the Joint Secretary IT&C Department at earliest
26. Director General, COAI, for kind information & to inform the nominated Representative to the Joint Secretary IT&C Department at earliest
27. Shri Harpreet Singh, NER Head, DIPA, for kind information & necessary action
28. Shri Ashwini M. Dutta, NER Head, Summit Digitel (RJIO) for kind information & necessary action
29. State Nodal Officers TSPs/ IPs, for kind information & to inform their respective nominated Representative to the Joint Secretary IT&C Department at earliest
30. ✓ DDG & SIO, NIC Meghalaya for kind information & with a request to kindly upload in the State Portal and the DIT-Meghalaya website.
31. All Local Authorities defined under MTIP 2018 for information.
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By order, etc


(K.L Nongbri, MCS)

Joint Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya,
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