Minutes of the review meeting on Telecom Status

A review meeting was held on 30th August 2017 at 4:00 PM at Conference Hall-II in Secretariat Building, Capital Complex, Agartala, Tripura under the Chairmanship of Principal Secretary, IT, Government of Tripura to review the status of Telecom Infrastructure in Tripura. The representatives from BSNL, BBNL, RailTel, NIC and DIT were present in that meeting and list of participants is given at Annexure – I. During the course of the meeting following points were discussed.

1. It has been informed by representatives of BSNL that out of 11 new blocks, three blocks (Bamutia, Old Agartala and B.C. Nagar) are ready to be commissioned after installation of modem from DIT. In this regard, it has decided that if spare modems are available at stock, then these sites will be commissioned immediately. If the modems are not available with DIT then the procurement activity for modem will be completed within 15 days. It has also been informed by BSNL that link commissioning for remaining 8 Blocks will be completed by 30th November 2017. [Action by: BSNL, DIT]

2. During the course of discussion on Bandwidth upgradation for 6 SWAN Circuits, it has been informed by BSNL that activity will be completed by 30th November 2017. They have also informed that due to NH44 expansion work, connectivity at SWAN PoPs in South Tripura District are being disrupted frequently. In this regard, DIT has suggested to explore the possibility of commissioning redundant link for minimizing the down time. It has also been informed by BSNL that shifting of BDO Silachari will be completed by 30th November 2017. [Action by: BSNL]

3. RailTel has been instructed to complete the 5 USOF nodes (feasible through RailTel Fiber) by 31st October 2017. It has also been informed by RailTel that no direction has been received by RailTel from BBNL for covering additional 40 nodes under USOF till date. [Action by: RailTel, BBNL]
4. It has been informed by RailTel that, out of 1007 GPs, 166 GPs are Commissioned and remaining GPs will be commissioned by 31st March 2018 out of which 71 are operational in West & Sepahijala District. They have also informed 907 nos. of GPON equipment are available with RailTel. The representative from BBNL has informed that, Operation & Maintenance mechanism for OFC under NoFN/BharatNet is yet to be decided by GoI level. It has been informed by BSNL that no connection has been applied under NoFN/BharatNet Project by any user Departments in Panisagar and Unakoti GP/VCs till date. In this regard, it has been informed by DIT that Panchayat Department has already been requested to get the connection from BSNL. BSNL has also informed that if any private user wants to avail service under NoFN/BharatNet they may apply to BSNL. They have also reported compatibility issue between GPON equipments and BSNL System, which is hampering the progress of NoFN/BharatNet project. BSNL has also informed that availability of dark fiber is another constrain for providing back hole bandwidth to NoFN/BharatNet sites. [Action by: BSNL, RailTel, BBNL]

5. BSNL has informed that RF technology will be explored for connecting 151 Tehsils and BSNL had requested DIT for providing Latitude and Longitude for those sites. In this regard, Principal Secretary IT has instructed DIT to request all the DMs to provide the necessary data related to Tehsils. He has also suggested BSNL may explore the possibility to commission Raisabari Block on RF technology. [Action by: BSNL, DIT]

6. It has been informed by BSNL that all the District Head Quarters and Sub-divisional Head Quarters have been provided with 3G services and detail data on 3G services will be shared with DIT. [Action by: BSNL]

The meeting ended with of thanks to all.

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All the Participants.

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The PPS to the Chief Secretary, Govt. of Tripura for kind Information to the Chief Secretary.
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3. Shri D. Bardhan, IAS, Director, IT.
4. Shri C.K. Dhar, STD (SIO), NIC.
5. Shri Avik Roy, Senior System Analyst, NIC.
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