

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
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**ORDER**

Whereas, the provisions laid down under the West Bengal Telecom Infrastructure Guidelines, 2020 For Clearance and Permission to set up Mobile Tower or Base Tower Station (BTS) and Laying Optical Fibre Cable (OFC), notified by the State Government in the Dept. of IT&E vide no. 585-Estt/ITE-20012/2/2020 dated 28/12/2020 have been in operation and applications from the Telecom Service Providers (TSPs), Internet Service Providers (ISPs) and Telecom Infrastructure Service Providers (TISPs) have successfully been disposed of by following these guidelines and via online single window platform namely ANUMATI (<https://anumati.itewb.gov.in>);

And whereas, authorities disposing of these applications have been witnessing some impediments in disposal of applications pertaining to setting up Mobile Tower or Base Tower Station (BTS) and Laying Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) in the hilly region, teagardens and forest are; laying overhead OFC etc. utilising various provisions of the existing guidelines owing to changed geographical, demographical and technological changes and advancement through the current online and time-bound permission providing process;

And whereas, the District Level Committee empowered to dispose off the applications have also been meeting regularly with various stakeholders and requesting for some process driven modifications for smooth attending to the above needs and subsequent disposal;

And whereas, the State Level Committee and the State Level Appellate Authority have taken into consideration of these necessities and duly recommended for addressing the same in the greater interest of public service;

And now therefore, the Governor is pleased to invoke provisions laid down under the Para 15 of the aforementioned ROW West Bengal Telecom Infrastructure Guidelines, 2020 For Clearance and Permission to set up Mobile Tower or Base Tower Station (BTS) and Laying Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) and lay down following modifications pertaining to the clauses mentioned therein.

**1. For setting up Telecom Infrastructure in Hilly Region, Teagardens and Forest Area:**

- a) The applicant shall submit permission received from the user of the property falling in the *hilly regions*, be it the Government (Public) or Individual (Private) and upload the same in ANUMATI portal along with requisite fees as may be applicable. The permission for Government property, unless otherwise be expressly notified or restricted in public interest, shall be extended by the District Magistrate of the concerned administrative district. The District Magistrate shall include any of the Additional District Magistrates as may be delegated from time to time.
- b) The applicant shall submit permission received from the manager of the property falling in the *teagardens* and upload the same in ANUMATI portal along with requisite fees as may be applicable. The permission for teagarden property, unless otherwise be expressly notified or restricted in public interest, shall be extended by the Manager or any authorised representative of the concerned teagarden.
- c) The applicant shall submit online application seeking permission from the Forest Authority via their portal <https://parivesh.nic.in/>

## 2. For setting up Telecom Infrastructure by laying overhead Optical Fibre Cable:

- a) The applicant shall submit online application in the ANUMATI portal, identifying and enlisting specific poles/towers/masts/overhead protrusions existed on the roads for the DISCOMs i.e., power and other utilities that they would use for laying overhead OFC by joining disconnected places.
- b) The poles/towers/masts/overhead protrusions existed on the roads and being used by the DISCOMs shall be Geo-tagged i.e., mapped with GIS with GPS location earmarked for each of them.
- c) No separate permission shall be necessary from the DISCOMs for using them to lay overhead OFC.
- d) Once the applicant identifies, earmarks and selects some poles/towers/masts/overhead protrusions existed on the roads of any DISCOM, the same shall be identified in ANUMATI and pay fees online to submit their application. No separate permission shall be necessary from the DISCOMs for disposing of these applications.
- e) The fees for laying overhead OFC shall be Rs. 1000/- per km., to be renewed every three years and OFC on the pole is Rs. 100/- per pole per year, to be renewed yearly.

## 3. Additional Definitions

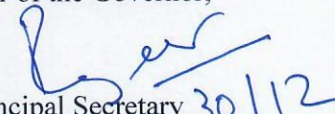
- a) **District Level Committee (DLC)** shall facilitate, supervise and grant/ allow or recommend for rejection of application seeking NOC to set up Digital Telecommunication Infrastructure in the district, subject to certain conditions. The DLC shall be solely responsible for granting NOC and shall keep the **State Level Clearance Committee (SLCC)** and **State Level Appellate Authority (SLAA)** abreast of regular developments.
  - i. The **DLC** shall have the power to *delegate authority* to facilitate, supervise and grant/ allow or recommend for rejection of application seeking NOC to set up Digital Telecommunication Infrastructure in the BLOCK unto the Block Development Officer for the entire administrative region of the Block excepting those portions which may fall under any Urban Development Unit i.e., Municipality, Corporation or otherwise.
  - ii. The **DLC** for Kolkata Municipal Corporation i.e., for Kolkata District; shall have the power to *delegate authority* to facilitate, supervise and grant/ allow or recommend for rejection of application seeking NOC to set up Digital Telecommunication Infrastructure in the BOROUGH unto the Executive Engineer for the entire municipal service delivery region of the Borough.
- b) "DISCOM" means Power Distribution Company of the state, responsible for distribution of Electrical power in the region and associated activities.
- c) "Road/Street/state highways" Means the definition define in The West Bengal Highways Act, 1964, Clause 1 and 2(bb)
- d) "Digital Telecom Infrastructure" means and includes the following.
  - (I) Within "Overground Telcom Infrastructure", it means;
    - i. Telegraph/Telephone pole, Telecommunication or Telecom infrastructure Tower, Telecommunication Cell Site or Base Tower Station (TCS/BTS), Ground Base Tower (GBT), Ground Based Mast/Monopole (GBM), Roof Top towers (RTT), Roof top poles (RTP), or Tower/post/pole or Telecom Tower or Mobile Tower, a place for tower, antenna, telecom transceiver machinery, related civil works, requisite wire and cable, power supply equipment, Diesel Generator set, cabin or cupboard for housing and the like, by whatever name may it be called.
    - ii. Cell Phone Tower (CPT), Micro/Small Cell Tower (MCT), Ground/Roof top Single/Mono pole, antenna fixtures, fabricated antenna, tower to install telephone lines and Wi-Fi antenna, Pre-fabricated or masonry structure, shelters or installation of Base Transceiver Station (BTS) and other related equipment or accessories.
    - iii. Moveable Communication towers/ Cell on-Wheels (COWs) / Public Facility Temporary Tower (MCT/COW/PFT) and any other temporary infrastructure for managing events/festivals/fairs or to give coverage to blank areas and to restore the connectivity in

the event of Disaster. In such case of disaster, the local administration shall provide all required support to restore the mobile connectivity being the essential service within the shortest possible time. COWS provide fully functional service, via vehicles such as trailers, vans and trucks, to areas affected by natural disaster or areas with large user volume, such as major events

- iv. A Junction Box (a.k.a. "jbox") is an enclosure housing electrical connection, Junction Box attached on side wall, over any pole or any legal protrusion.
- v. A telephone exchange, telephone switch, or central office is a telecommunications system used in the public switched telephone network (PSTN) or in large enterprises.
- vi. "Road/Street furniture" that includes Electrics Poles, streetlight, Side walls, Hoardings, Bus stop/shelters, tram stop/shelters, taxi stand, public lavatory, Traffic signals / lights, Traffic control room's, Flyover's belly, Street Road gantry, Street road signage, Government building's, Metro Rail structures, Poles, Roadside / campus infrastructure, Public utility pole or any other structure or contrivance of such nature established over the property of an appropriate authority, etc. However, "Road/Street furniture shall not include memorial, public sculpture, Heritage sites.
- vii. Overground Telegraph/Telephone line, Overground cable (Aerial OFC) on the EB/DISCOM Poles or any other public structure. However, "Overground Telegraph/Telephone line" shall not include Television Antenna and/or Dish Antennas installed for domestic purpose.
  - (II) "Underground Telcom Infrastructure" which means and includes Telegraph line or Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) laid under the ground and includes manholes, marker stones, appliances and apparatus, for the purpose of establishment or maintenance of the telegraph or OFC line or any other items as decided by the appropriate authority.
  - (III) Underground Ducts that refers to the protective pipework through which essential utility pipes and cables are run underground to provide communication.

This Order is issued with the concurrence of the Finance Department, Government of West Bengal vide U.O. No. Group S/2022-2023/0007 dated 28.12.2022.

By order of the Governor,

  
Principal Secretary 30/12  
to the Government of West Bengal.


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Copy forwarded for kind information and necessary action to:-

- The Secretary, Department of Telecommunications, Government of India, Sanchar Bhavan, New Delhi – 110001.
- The Additional Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary/Secretary , Department(all), Govt of West Bengal.
- The Director General of Police, West Bengal Police, Nabanna, Howrah.
- The Commissioner, Kolkata Municipal Corporation, 5, S N Banerjee Road, Kolkata - 700 013.
- The District Magistrate, District(all), West Bengal.
- The Administrator, SNLTR, Moni Bhandar, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, EP & GP Block, Sector V, Salt Lake, Kolkata 700091.

- The Dy Director General, Telecom Enforcement Resources & Monitoring (TERM) Cell, West Bengal, 82, Ballygunj Place, 2nd Floor, Kolkata-700 019-with a request to circulate the above CIRCULAR to all TISPs and TSPs.
- The Dy. Director General, Telecom Enforcement Resource & Monitoring Cell, Kolkata Licensed Service Area, QA Bhawan, Block –EP&GP, Sector-V, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700 091- with a request to circulate the above CIRCULAR to all TISPs and TSPs.
- The OSD to the Chief Secretary, Govt. of West Bengal.
- The Sr. PS to the Principal Secretary, IT&E Department, Govt. of West Bengal.
- The Sr. PS to the Secretary, IT&E Department, Govt. of West Bengal.
- The Director General, Digital Infrastructure Providers Association (DIPA), 2nd & 3rd Floor, 7, Bhai Veer Singh Marg, Gole Market, New Delhi-110 001.
- The Director General, COAI, Sector 2, 14, Bhai Vir Singh Marg, Sector 4, Gole Market, New Delhi, Delhi 110001.

 30/12/2022

Deputy Secretary to the  
Government of West Bengal.