

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
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No: 658 -Estt/ITE-17011/4/2020

Dated: 24.5.2023.

**Subject :-** Incorporation of Terms of Reference of the Digital Communication Readiness Index in the 'State Level Clearance Committee(SLCC)' under 'West Bengal Telecom Infrastructure Guidelines,2020 For clearance and Permission to set up Mobile Tower or Base Tower Station(BTS) and Laying of Optical Fibre Cable(OFC)'.

**Ref:-** This Office Order No 474 -Estt/ITE-17011/4/2020 dated 27.8.2021.

The undersigned is directed to incorporate the Terms of Reference of the Digital Communication Readiness Index (DCRI) of the Department of Telecommunications, Government of India in the existing State Level Clearance Committee (SLCC) constituted vide this Department's Order under reference.

The Terms of Reference of the DCRI is to lay stress on States for emphasis on the communication sector. The framework of this index through specific indicators from telecom sectors aims at creating awareness among States/UTs and nudge the States to carry out reforms in vital infrastructure issues viz Right of Way, Forest permission, Tower installation permission, electricity connections etc for acceleration /expansion of telecom network/services. This will also enable States/UTs to prioritize its efforts in the desired direction and improve the data systems capturing the achievements. Based on the above principles, DCRI groups the efforts of the States into two major pillars viz (i) State led initiatives like policies on ROW etc (ii) outcomes that measures impact of State's initiatives like BharatNet, ICT use etc.

The existing 'State Level Clearance Committee(SLCC)' is having the following members:-

1. Additional Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary/ Secretary, Department of IT&E, GoWB -  
**Chairman;**
2. Nodal Officer not below the rank of Joint Secretary, Department of P&RD, GoWB- **Member;**
3. Nodal Officer not below the rank of Joint Secretary, Department of UD&MA, GoWB-  
**Member;**
4. Nodal Officer not below the rank of Joint Secretary, Department of Public Works, GoWB-  
**Member;**
5. Joint Secretary, IT&E Department, GoWB- **Member Convenor.**

Department of P&RD, UD&MA and Public Works are being requested to nominate Officers of their Department not below the rank of Joint Secretary to function as a member of the State Level Clearance Committee(SLCC).

This has the approval of the competent authority of this Department.



Dy. Secretary to the  
Government of West Bengal  
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Copy forwarded for kind information and necessary action to :-

- The Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Telecommunications, Sanchar Bhawan, New Delhi-110001.
- The Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, 6, CGO Complex, New Delhi-110003.
- The Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary/ Secretary, Department(all).
- The Managing Director, WBEIDC Ltd, Block – EP & GP, Sector-V, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700 091.
- The Dy Director General, West Bengal LSA, 82, Ballygunj Place, 2nd Floor, Kolkata-700 019.
- The OSD to the Chief Secretary, Govt. of West Bengal.
- The PS to the Hon'ble MIC(IT&E Department),GoWB.
- The Sr. PS to the Principal Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal, IT&E department.
- The Advisor, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India, Kolkata Regional Office, Bharat Bhawan, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 3, C.R. Avenue, Kolkata 700072.
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