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Sub:- Record note of the meeting regarding saturation of mobile services in uncovered villages across the Jammu Division.

A meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Sh. Ramesh Kumar, IAS Divisional Commissioner Jammu on 07.11.2022 at 4:00 PM in the conference hall of Divisional Commissioner Office, Panama Chowk Jammu to review the progress for saturation of mobile services in uncovered villages across the Jammu Division.

The following officers attended the meeting in person-

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| 1. Sh. P.C Tanoch | Chief Engineer, PW (R&B) Jammu. |
| 2. Sh. Rajinder Kumar Gupta | SE JPDCL Jammu. |
| 3. Sh. Sanjay Karihaloo | AEE, JPDCL Jammu. |
| 4. Smt. Archana S Khairkar | DE Headquarter, BSNL Jammu. |
| 5. Sh. Sandeep | SDE, BSNL Jammu. |
| 6. Sh. Anil Ambardar | Nodal Officer Reliance Jio. |
| 7. Sh. Aadil Shafiq | Sr. Manager Reliance Jio. |
| 8. Sh. Khalid Bhat | SCO Reliance Jio. |
| 9. Sh. Mohsin Shah | N/W Airtel Jammu |
| 10. Sh. Ashok Kumar | N/W Airtel Jammu. |

The following officers attended the meeting through VC-

All Deputy Commissioners of Jammu Division along with all concerned line department officers.

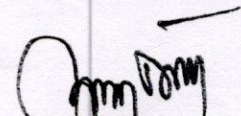
At the outset, the Chairman welcome the participants and conveyed to provide the hand holding support of the District Administration to the mobile service providers besides other logistic and technical requirements from the Government.

The focal point of the meeting is regarding the saturation of mobile services in dark and shadow areas across the ten districts of Jammu Division by the major service providers operating in UT of J&K and to discuss the Union Cabinet decision regarding the saturation of 4G mobile services in uncovered villages across the country which aims to covering 25000 remote and difficult areas across the country for 4G mobile connectivity including 297 uncovered villages in UT of Jammu and Kashmir having 198 project sites under 4G saturation project. The project will be executed through BSNL and having a target completion within 500 days. The project required proactive support of the UT Government regarding the allocation of state land for mobile tower, speedy clearance of sites in forest area, lease/acquisition of sites, permissions and power connectivity.

The District wise progress has been reviewed by the Chairman and the following decision/directions were conveyed-

1. The BSNL/Jio/Airtel authorities shall share the village wise list of the areas to be covered under project for saturation of 4G mobile services with all the Deputy Commissioners of Jammu Division with copy to this office as well within seven days positively so that the Deputy Commissioners shall evaluate the covered and left over areas for ascertaining the priority to be covered in first instance.
2. The Deputy Commissioners of Jammu Division shall take a meeting at their internal level with the service providers for better co-ordination and co-operation between the both agencies for extending their operations.
3. The Deputy Commissioners provides their co-operation, hand holding support and other logistic/technical requirements to the mobile service providers so that the dark and shadow areas shall be covered within the targeted deadlines.
4. Secretary, Department of Telecommunication, GoI requested UT administration for ensuring their support in implementation of project. Accordingly the Deputy Commissioners shall clear the land acquisition requirements for mobile towers on priority basis wherever, the state land is required for BSNL. However, if as per the technical/operation requirements the service providers required private land the compensation shall be assessed and disburse on priority.
5. The BSNL/Jio/Airtel authorities ensure that the survey for the villages to be covered for providing the mobile connectivity shall be done with the participation of field officers from the Revenue Department so that the priority areas shall be covered in first phase.
6. The Chairman instructed the service providers to focus on border areas for mobile connectivity as their utmost priority so that the people living in border belt shall remain connected and avail the benefits of the Government easily.
7. The Chairman instructed the service providers to gave special priority to the hilly districts such as Doda, Kishtwar, Ramban, Rajouri, Poonch and parts of Reasi, Udhampur and Kathua as the HLG during their visit to the district gave directions to covered remote and far flung hilly areas for mobile connectivity as the first priority so that the public shall not face any inconvenience and can able to connect easily for availing public services.
8. The Chairman instructed the service providers to also cover the tourist destinations in first phase along with better internet connectivity so that the tourist shall not face any inconvenience and it will also boost the footfall of the tourist.
9. The Chairman directed the representatives of PWD, Forest, JPDCL etc for expediting the issuance of NOCs and shifting of utilities wherever requested by the service providers on priority basis so that the progress of the project will not hamper.

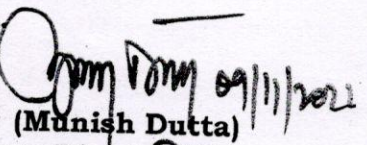
Besides above, the following requests/suggestions were also put forth by some Deputy Commissioners of Jammu Division and service providers in the meeting:-



1. Deputy Commissioner Poonch informed that in certain areas the progress of work by the service providers are very slow for which the Chairman directed the concerned to look into the matter and expedite the progress.
2. Deputy Commissioner, Kishtwar intimated that the deadline for the providing of Jio fiber service to Marwah and Dacchan areas has been extending by Jio authorities which will further be delayed if not completed in time due to expected bad weather during the winter season for which the Chairman directed the Jio authorities to expedite on priority.
3. The representative of Reliance Jio informed that the GREF authorities permission for extending the network in Paddar and Chattroo is still pending for which the directions were conveyed to Deputy Commissioner, Kishtwar to settle on priority.
4. The representative of Reliance Jio intimated that they are also facing certain problems in extending network in Poonch city for which directions were conveyed to Deputy Commissioner Poonch to resolve the issue.
5. Deputy Commissioner, Doda informed that the BSNL network connectivity is very low to zero at several stretches at the highway leading from Doda towards Kishtwar for which the representative from BSNL has been directed to look into it and resolve the problem on priority.
6. Deputy Commissioner, Samba informed that there are 17 dark and 50 low connectivity areas in her district especially the village called Sandhi where there is zero connectivity and the issue was raised by the villagers during B2V4 programme for which the directions were conveyed to service providers to cover the areas in consultation with Deputy Commissioner, Samba in phase first.
7. Deputy Commissioner, Rajouri also raised certain network connectivity issue in some villages for which the service providers are directed to settle the issue on priority.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.

This issue with the approval of Divisional Commissioner Jammu


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5. Chief Engineer, PW (R&B) Jammu for information and necessary and n/action.
6. Principal Private Secretary to HLG for the kind information of HLG.
7. DGM, BSNL Jammu for information and n/action.
8. General Manager, Reliance Jio Jammu for information and n/action.
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