

# MEASURES TO EXPEDITE TELECOM INFRASTRUCTURE ROLL-OUT IN STATES

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# Indian Telegraph Right of Way Rules, 2016

Indian Telegraph Right of Way (RoW) rules, 2016 issued vide a Gazette Notification on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

1. To ensure that a uniform RoW rules are adopted

across the country.

2. To streamline the process of RoW approvals.

#### **Salient Points:**

1. All State Government Authorities to develop a Electronic

application Single Window Clearance process.

2. Nominal one-time administrative fee for telecom infrastructure

a. For over ground infrastructure – Rs. 10,000

b. For under ground infrastructure – Rs. 1,000 /km

- 3. Time bound clearance within 60 days with deemed approval provision.
- 4. Dispute resolution mechanism and appointment of nodal officer

## National Digital Communications Policy 2018 – Salient Highlights

## The Government has released the NDCP 2018 which was notified on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018. The policy have the following salient provisions to create robust telecom infrastructure

- 'Fibre First Initiative' to take fibre to the home, enterprise, and development institutions in Tier I, Tier II and Tier III towns and rural clusters. According Telecom Optic Fibre cables the status of Public utility
- Extending incentives and exemptions for the construction of telecom towers
- According accelerated Rights of Way permissions for telecom towers in government premises
- Encourage and facilitate sharing of active infrastructure by **enhancing the scope of Infrastructure Providers (IP)** and promoting and incentivizing deployment of common sharable, passive as well as active, infrastructure;
- Incentivizing the use of renewable energy technologies in the communications sector
- According Telecom Infrastructure the status of Critical and Essential Infrastructure at par with other sectors
- Rationalizing taxes and levies on Digital Communications equipment, infrastructure and services
- Addressing security issues across layers: Infrastructure Security (physical infrastructure)
- Fiberization of atleast 60% of telecom towers by 2020

# Availability of robust telecom infrastructure is necessary to facilitate emerging technologies like 5G, IoT and meet the objectives of NDCP 2018

#### Positive correlation of Mobile Services with States' per capita income

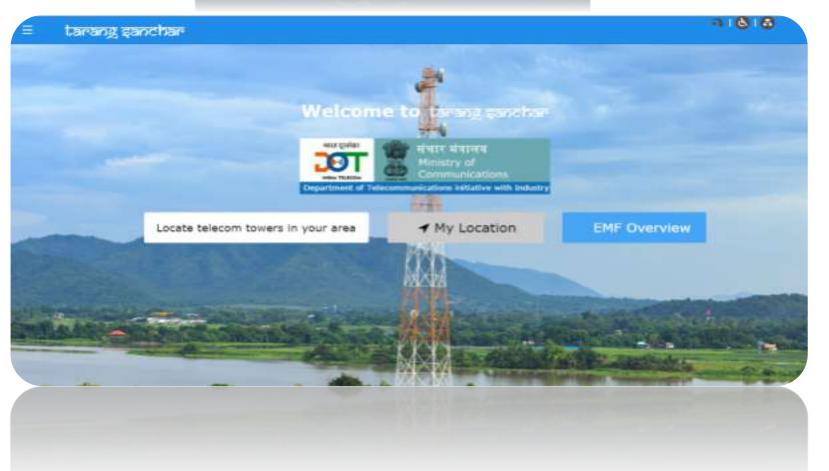
- The mobile industry in India contributes 6.5% (USD140 billion) to country's GDP, and employs over 4 million people (direct and indirect)\*
- The benefits from mobile industry do not accrue uniformly across states catalyzing role of IT is dependent on the extent of reach of t mobile networks across their deepest hinterlands.

State	Teledensity	Per Capita Income (2014)
Delhi	240.60%	USD 3435.29 INR 2,46,123.07
Himachal Pradesh (highest tele-density in the non-metro state)	137.34%	USD 1441.40 INR 1,03,269.82
<b>Bihar</b> (Lowest tele-density In India)	58.17%	USD 487.22 INR 34907.12

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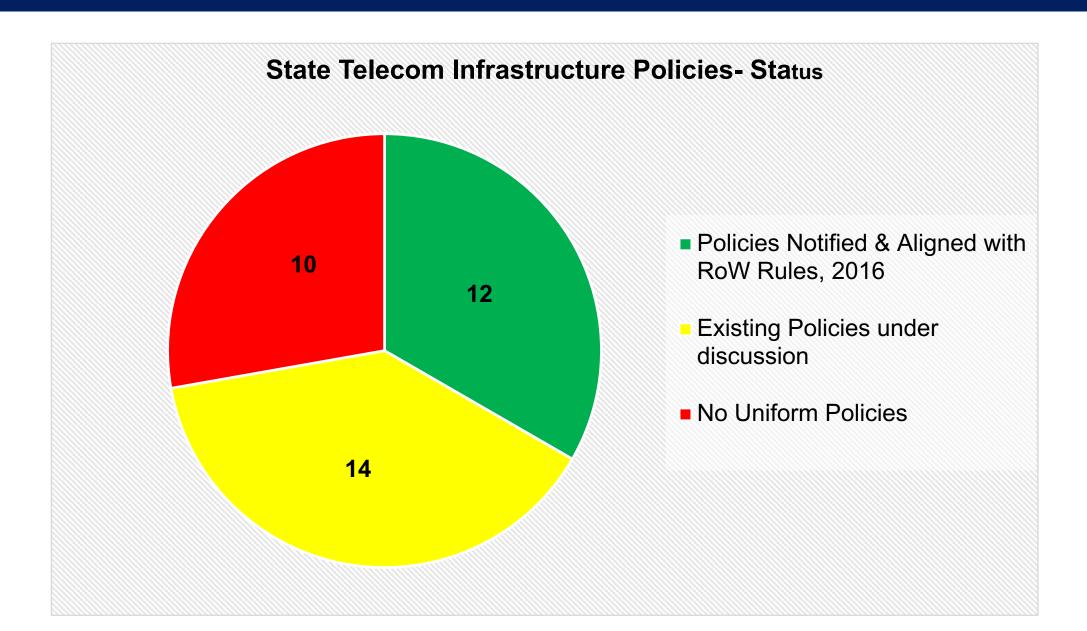


**Tarang Sanchar Portal** is a set of web services (windows) for all stakeholders – DoT, TERM Cells, General Public and Telecom Service Providers for EMF Compliance of Telecom Towers in India.

Tarang Sanchar has nearly **20.2 lakh** BTSs at **@ 5 lakh sites** of all the TSPs spread all over the country.

Facility to be created as part of Tarang Sanchar to enable submission, tracking status and progress of RoW Applications

### Status on Alignment of State Policies with RoW Rules 2016



## **Progress in States**

Policies Notified & Aligned		Exist	ting Policies under discussion	No	No Uniform Policies		
S.No	State	Notified Date/Cabinet Approved	S.No	State	S.No	State	
1	Jharkhand	4th December 2015	1	New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC)	1	Mizoram	
2	Rajasthan	6th February 2017	2	Himachal Pradesh			
3	*Tripura Government Order	6th September 2017	3	Punjab	2	Nagaland	
4	Odisha	14th September 2017	4	Chandigarh	3	Manipur	
5	**Haryana	6th October 2017	5	Gujarat			
6	Assam	16th February 2018	6	Goa	4	Sikkim	
7	Maharashtra	17th February 2018	7	Madhya Pradesh	5	Jammu & Kashmir	
8	*Tamilnadu Government Order	18th February 2018	8	Chhattisgarh	6	West Bengal	
9	Arunachal Pradesh	10th May 2018	9	Kerala	!		
10	Uttar Pradesh	15th June 2018	10	Karnataka	7	Andaman & Nicobar	
11	Uttarakhand	13th September 2018	11	Andhra Pradesh	8	Lakshwadeep	
12	***Meghalaya	1	12	Telengana	9	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	
	(Detail Policy is under discussi I with RoW rules 2016 (except t		13	Pondicherry	3		
*** Cabine	et approved on 10th December January 2019.	<b>3</b> ,	14	Bihar	10	Daman & Diu <sub>8</sub>	

# States with Aligned Policies

#### Common provisions in aligned State **Policies:**

- Single Window Clearance Mechanism
- One time Fee for Installation of Telecom Infrastructure
- *Time Bound Clearances with deemed approvals*
- Documentations aligned with DoT guidelines.
- Validity of Permissions made Co-terminus with the *License / registration Period.*
- Availability of Government lands and buildings

Support required: Implementation of Policies needs to be expedited at the ground level.

State like Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Assam & Odisha have taken the initiative for issuing the directives to all their State departments regarding down the line implementation of respective State notified policies.

	TAIPA Comparision Matrix of States Policy viz-viz Row rules, 2016									
S.No	RoW rules, 2016/ DoT guidelines, 2013- Clauses	Andhra Pradesh	Arunachal Pradesh	Assam	Bihar	Chandigarh	Chhatisgarh			
1	For Underground & Overground Telegraph infrastructure	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No			
2	Permission Fees@ Rs. 10,000 for Mobile towers & Rs. 1,000/km for OFC.	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No			
3	Single Window Clearance Mechanism	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No			
4	Online Single window clearance Mechanism	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No			
5	Location based restrictions for instalation of mobile towers.	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes			
6	Timeline for clearance- 60 Days / deemed approval	30 days with deemed approval	30 days deemed approval	Yes	30 days with deemed approval	No	Yes			
7	Permission for Temporary Movable Structures (CoW)(Cell On Wheels)	No Clause for CoW	No Permission/Fee required upto 60 days	No Permission/Fee required upto 60 days	No Clause for CoW	No Clause for CoW	No Clause for CoW			
8	Formation of State Telecom Committee(STC) & District Telecom Committee(DTC)	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	<b>No</b> 10			

	TAIPA Comparision Matrix of States Policy viz-viz Row rules, 2016								
S.No	RoW rules, 2016/ DoT guidelines, 2013- Clauses	Delhi	Goa	Gujarat	Haryana	Himachal Pradesh	Jharkhand		
1	For Underground & Overground Telegraph infrastructure	No	No	No	Yes	No	No		
2	Permission Fees@ Rs. 10,000 for Mobile towers & Rs. 1,000/km for OFC.	No	No	No	No	No	No		
3	Single Window Clearance Mechanism	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes		
4	Online Single window clearance Mechanism	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes		
5	Location based restrictions for instalation of mobile towers.	Yes	Yes	No	No Yes		No		
6	Timeline for clearance- 60 Days / deemed approval	Yes	Yes	No	45 Days deemed approval	No	Yes		
7	Permission for Temporary Movable Structures (CoW)(Cell On Wheels)	No Clause for CoW	No Clause for CoW	No Clause for CoW	CoW allowed for 180 days with no fee	No Formal Permission required	No Permission/Fee required upto 30 days		
8	State Telecom Committee(STC) & District Telecom Committee(DTC)	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes 11		

	TAIPA Comparision Matrix of States Policy viz-viz Row rules, 2016								
S.No	RoW rules, 2016/ DoT guidelines, 2013- Clauses	Karnataka	Kerala	Madhya Pradesh	Maharashtra	Meghalaya	Odisha		
1	For Underground & Overground Telegraph infrastructure	No	No	No No		Yes	Yes		
2	Permission Fees@ Rs. 10,000 for Mobile towers & Rs. 1,000/km for OFC.	No	Yes	Yes No		Yes	Yes		
3	Single Window Clearance Mechanism	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes		
4	Online Single window clearance Mechanism	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes		
5	Location based restrictions for instalation of mobile towers.	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No		
6	Timeline for clearance- 60 Days / deemed approval	No	60 days	30 days with deemed approval	Yes	60 Days	60 days		
7	Permission for Temporary Movable Structures (CoW)(Cell On Wheels)	No Clause for CoW	No Clause for CoW	No Clause for CoW	No clause for CoW	No Permission/Fee required upto 30 days	No Permission/Fee required upto 90 days		
8	State Telecom Committee(STC) & District Telecom Committee(DTC)	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes 12		

	TAIPA Comparision Matrix of States Policy viz-viz Row rules, 2016							
S.No	RoW rules, 2016/ DoT guidelines, 2013- Clauses	Pondicherry	Punjab	Rajasthan	Tamil Nadu (GO)	Telengana	Tripura (GO)	
1	For Underground & Overground Telegraph infrastructure	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
2	Permission Fees@ Rs. 10,000 for Mobile towers & Rs. 1,000/km for OFC.	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
3	Single Window Clearance Mechanism	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
4	Online Single window clearance Mechanism	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
5	Location based restrictions for instalation of mobile towers.	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	
6	Timeline for clearance- 60 Days / deemed approval	30 days with deemed approval	14 days	Yes	Yes	30 days with deemed approval	Yes	
7	Permission for Temporary Movable Structures (CoW)(Cell On Wheels)	No Clause for CoW	No Clause for CoW	No Permission/Fee required upto 30 Days	No Clause for CoW	No Clause for CoW	No Clause for CoW	
8	State Telecom Committee(STC) & District Telecom Committee(DTC)	No	No	No Yes		No	Yes 13	

#### **TAIPA Comparision Matrix of States Policy viz-viz Row rules, 2016**

S.No	RoW rules, 2016/ DoT guidelines, 2013- Clauses	Uttarakhand	Uttar Pradesh	
1	For Underground & Overground Telegraph infrastructure	Yes	Yes	
2	Permission Fees@ Rs. 10,000 for Mobile towers & Rs. 1,000/km for OFC.	Yes	Yes	
3	Single Window Clearance Mechanism	Yes	Yes	
4	Online Single window clearance Mechanism	Yes	Yes	
5	Location based restrictions for instalation of mobile towers.	No	No	
6	Timeline for clearance- 60 Days / deemed approval	60 days	45 days deemed approval	
7	Permission for Temporary Movable Structures (CoW)(Cell On Wheels)	Permission upto 90 days	No clause for CoW	
8	State Telecom Committee(STC) & District Telecom Committee(DTC)	Yes	No	

#### Note:

- States highlighted with
  Green are more or less aligned with RoW rules, 2016. (12 States)
- States highlighted with
  Yellow needs to be
  aligned with RoW rules,
  2016. (14 States)
- 10 States have No Uniform Policies.

### States Online RoW Portal Development- TAIPA Status

	States Online Portal Development- TAIPA Status						
S.No	State	Policy Notified Date	Online Portal Status				
1	Jharkhand	4th December 2015	Operational				
2	Haryana	Haryana 6th October 2017 Operational					
3	Assam	16th February 2018	Under process				
4	Odisha	14th September 2017	Under process				
5	Uttar Pradesh	15th June 2018	Under process				
6	Rajasthan	6th February 2017	Under discussion				
7	Maharashtra	17th February 2018	Under discussion				
8	Uttarakhand	13th September 2018	Under discussion				

TAIPA is actively involved and supporting the States for developing their Online Single Window Portal. Further, TAIPA representative has been nominated by Assam Government to facilitate them for developing Assam Online Portal.

#### Live Online RoW Portal - Jharkhand



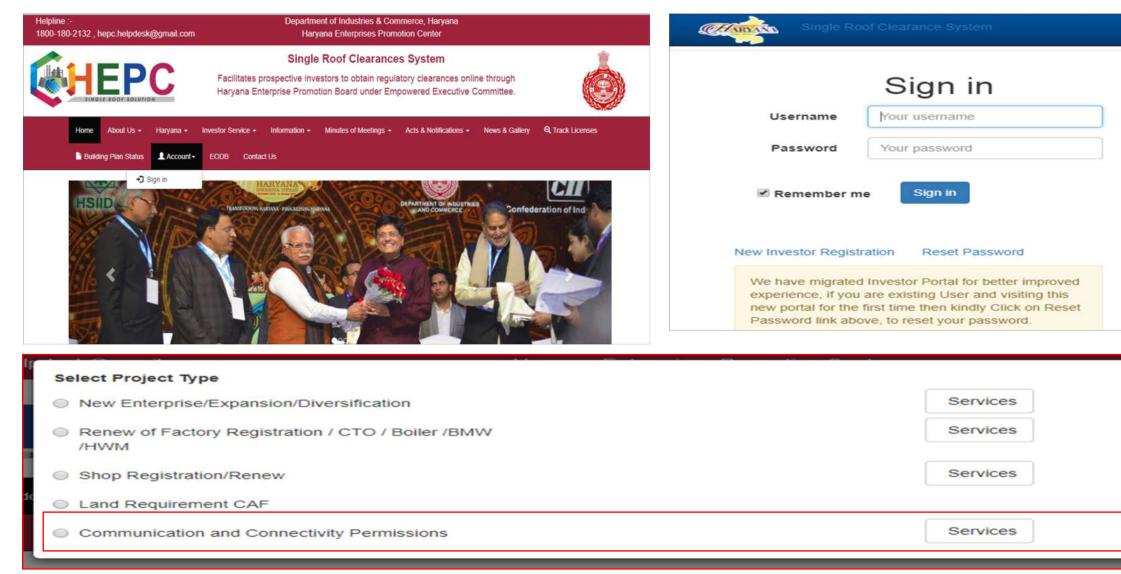
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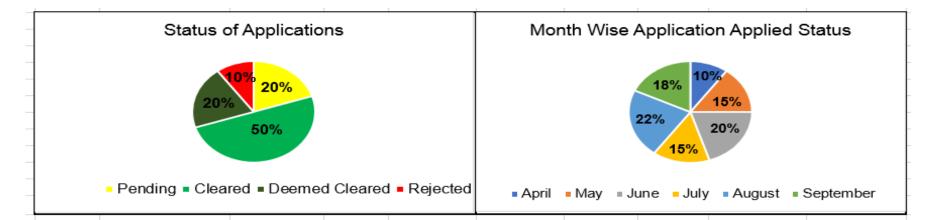
### Live Online RoW Portal - Haryana

#### www.investharyana.in



#### **Online RoW Portal in Final Stage – Assam**

Assam Proposed Dashboard for Application Status								
		Pending			Completed			
	Applied	Total	>30 days	>45 days	>60 days	Cleared	Deemed Cleared	Rejected
Establishment and Maintenance of Underground Telegraph Infrastructure								
Establishment and Maintenance of Overground Telegraph Infrastructure								
Regularization of Tower								



#### **Common issues in States hindering rollouts**

- Multiplicity of policies
- Absence of Single Window Clearance
- Multiple Fee/Levies
- Restrictions on location
- Non- availability of Power
- Security of Telecom Infrastructure
- Varying property tax rates on telecom towers
- EMF Exposure Concerns

Details attached in Annexure

# Common Duct – 'Dig Once Policy'

- The future cities will be built on ready fiber network for enabling ubiquitous and seamless connectivity.
- Common duct will play an important role in laying of fiber and can be used by IP-I, TSPs, cable operators, ISPs, and public utilities.
- 'Dig-Once policy': Common duct laid under the umbrella of 'Dig-Once' policy will enable IP-I/ TSPs/ISPs/Cable-Operators/Other Stakeholders to lay fiber easily for providing the broadband/cable services.

Availability of a common infrastructure would save time, cost and efforts of digging the roads for laying fiber by individual entities

### **Support Required from States**

- Alignment of all States Telecom Infrastructure Policy with Central RoW Rules, November 2016 i.e. Uniform State Policy with One-time nominal fee, Singlewindow clearance in a time-bound manner etc.
- No restriction to be imposed on locations of mobile towers.
- Availability of Government Land & Buildings for installation of Mobile towers.
- Electricity connections to be provided on priority at industrial tariffs.
- To ensure security of Telecom Infrastructure, strict penal norms to be incorporated in State Telecom Policies.
- Numerous pending litigations to be amicably resolved
- No coercive action by State Government against Telecom Infrastructure without prior approval from State Nodal Authority with advance intimation to the effective party.
- Appoint "High Level" Nodal Officer for ensuring Monitoring and down the line Implementation of State Policies.
- Need for a Common Duct policy under Dig Once umbrella.

Above supports are essential to ensure realization of Government's visionary & ambitious programs such as Digital India, SMART Cities & ease of doing business.



