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To,

Director General,
Defence Estate (DGDE),
Ministry of Defence,
New Delhi- 110010

Dear Sir,

Subject: Changes to be incorporated in Gati Shakti Sanchar Portal in view of RoW Rules 2024.

DoT has recently notified the Telecommunications Right of Way (RoW) Rules, 2024 (copy enclosed) under the Telecommunication Act, 2023. The rules shall come into force on the 1st day of January, 2025, superseding all the existing Indian Telegraph Right of Way Rules, 2016 and subsequent amendments. Under section 52 of the Telecommunication Act, provisions of the Telecommunication act prevail over any other act, in case of conflict between the two provisions.

Therefore, the RoW Rules are now mandatorily to be complied with, in all GOI departments/state governments, municipalities and other bodies.

2. The RoW Rules aim to simplify the process for establishing, operating, and maintaining telecommunications infrastructure, both on public and private property and all the public entities have to exercise powers under these rules to accord permission to Telecom operators from 01.01.2025.

3. The Telecommunications Act 2023 and RoW rules 2024 have major changes with reference to existing Telecom RoW rules in terms of approval timelines, standardized charges, method of rejection of an application, mandatory use of Call Before u Dig (CBuD) Mobile app. for any excavation and penalty on damage to Telecom Infra etc.

4. In view of the new RoW Rules 2024, the modifications are being carried out in the Gati Shakti Sanchar Portal as per additional provisions. These modifications will also be applicable to applications received to DGDE (DEO & Cantt.). The key changes being made are as attached (Annexure I).

5. Shri Himanshu Sharma, Director, NBM (email- dir1@broadbandmission.gov.in) will be the SPOC from DoT. The SPOC from DGDE may be asked to organize a meeting with all concerned officials so that an overview of changes and user training may be given by DoT.


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Government of India
Ministry of Communications
Department of Telecommunications
dated 24.12.2024

Annexure I

Key Changes being made

1. The Application fee (presently named as infra fee in the portal) is Applicable as per the new rules.
2. As per the Rules, in case of rejection of application, 90% of fee is to be refunded. For ease of implementation, it is planned to collect 10 % Fee at initial stage and the remaining 90 % to be collected at the time of approval of application:
 - a. GBT & RTT :- 10,000Rs.
 - b. OFC Cable :- 1000 Rs per Km.
3. Seek clarification from applicant only one time within 30 days. Any rejection intimation is to be given within 45 days. Applicant has to respond within 15 days in both cases.
4. Deemed approval in 67 days if authority doesn't take action on application. In case of deemed approval auto-demand note will be issued on portal for RoW charges payments.
5. A new survey form for applicant for survey of the site / location for RoW permission applications.
6. A feature to manage the submission of a Performance Bank Guarantee (PBG) for RoW permission applications related to optical fibre cables.
7. Special Project by Central Govt. in Public Interest (Rule-12). No Fee will be applicable, and the disposal time would be only 7 days.
8. The above features are being implemented in Gati Shakti Sanchar Portal and will be effective from 01.01.2025.

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