

# 12th State Broadband Committee reviews Telecom Infrastructure and Digital Connectivity across Maharashtra

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The 12th State Broadband Committee (SBC) Meeting under the Chairmanship of the Shri Rajesh Aggarwal, Chief Secretary, Government of Maharashtra, to review the progress of telecom infrastructure and digital connectivity across the State was held in Mumbai on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2026.

The Committee reviewed the implementation of the Telecommunications Act, 2023, the Telecommunications (Right of Way) Rules, 2024, the progress of the Centralized Right of Way (RoW) Portal, and the Scheme for Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI).



The Chief Secretary directed all Urban Local Bodies to ensure timely disposal of Right of Way applications and uniform implementation of the Right of Way Rules across the State. The meeting also emphasized strengthening telecom connectivity in underserved and remote areas, promoting the adoption of the Call Before You Dig (CBuD) application to prevent accidental damage to underground utility infrastructure, formulation of a Common Duct Policy, and integration of telecom infrastructure into all future public infrastructure projects to facilitate faster, more efficient, and future-ready digital connectivity across Maharashtra.

The meeting was attended by Shri Virendra Singh, Secretary, Information Technology Department, Government of Maharashtra; Shri Radheshyam Parmar, Special Director General, Telecom, Maharashtra LSA, Department of Telecommunications (DoT); Shri Sumnesh Joshi, Deputy Director General, DoT Mumbai; Shri Neeresh Sharma, Deputy Director General, DoT Nagpur; senior officers of the Information Technology, Urban Development, Revenue and Energy Departments; Commissioners of various Municipal Corporations; representatives of Telecom Service Providers (TSPs), Infrastructure Providers (IPs), MSEDCL; and other key stakeholders.

The Committee reiterated the State Government's commitment to creating a robust digital infrastructure ecosystem through close coordination among Government departments, local bodies, the Department of Telecommunications, and industry stakeholders, thereby supporting Maharashtra's vision of inclusive digital growth and seamless connectivity.

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