

Advisory regarding provision of Telecom Infrastructure in Public Properties

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MEMBER (ADMIN)
DELHI JAL BOARD
Diary No. 1717
Date 09/06/26

Sir/Madam,
Please find the attachment on the above cited subject.

Chief Engineer (IT)
Delhi Jal Board, GNCTD

Dy. No. 467 dt 11/06/26

With regards,
F.D. Bhattacharya
Urban Development Deptt.
GNCT of Delhi, Delhi Secretariat
New Delhi

1 Attachment(s)

Advisory RoW dt 08.06.26.pdf
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Dy. Director (IT)
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Dy. No. 1275 dt 22/7/26

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**GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI
RIGHT OF WAY (ROW) BRANCH,
DEPARTMENT OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT
10TH LEVEL 'C' WING, DELHI SECRETARIAT
NEW DELHI-110002**

F.No. 13(16)/UD/RoW/advisory/2026/213-229

Dated: 08/06/2026

Advisory regarding provision of Telecom Infrastructure in Public Properties

Refer to D.O. no. 5-1/2023-NBM dated 26.05.2026 received from Secretary, Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications, Govt. of India (copy enclosed) has observed that reliable and ubiquitous telecom connectivity has become an essential public utility for citizens and is critical for the realization of the objectives of Digital India. Public premises such as metro stations, stadiums, government buildings, and other high-footfall locations require robust telecom infrastructure to facilitate uninterrupted voice and data services for the public.

Accordingly, all concerned entities are advised to ensure the following:

- a) Provisioning of telecom infrastructure in public property is treated as a public utility akin to supply of electricity, water etc. and not treated as a source of revenue generation under any policy;
- b) The bidding IP company holds valid license issued by DoT for the relevant category and has end-to-end agreement to provide telecom connectivity with all major TSPs on the date of submission of the bid;
- c) In-Building Solutions and other telecom infrastructure deployed by neutral host infrastructure providers are non-exclusive, transparent and aligned with the Telecommunications (Right of Way) Rules, 2024 and the Addendum to Model Building Bye-Laws, 2016 issued by MoHUA; and
- d) Licensed TSPs are allowed access as per the legal provisions cited in paragraph 3 above.

All metro rail corporations, urban local bodies and other entities under the administrative control of the Govt. of NCT of Delhi are requested to ensure strict compliance with the provisions of the **Telecommunications Act, 2023** and the **Telecommunication (Right of Way) Rules, 2024** Issued by Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Ministry of Communications, Govt. of India.

This issue with the approval of Competent Authority.

(Sachin Rana, IAS)
Special Secretary (UD)

Encl. As above

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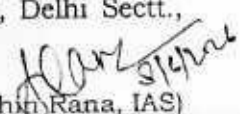
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1. The Additional Chief Secretary, Power Department, 8th Floor, B-Wing, Delhi Sectt, Delhi 2.
2. The Additional Chief Secretary, I&FC Department, LM Band Office Complex, Shastri Nagar, Delhi - 110092.
3. The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation of Delhi, Dr. S.P.M. Civic Centre, J.L.N. Marg, New Delhi - 110002.

4. The Chairman, NDMC, Palika Kendra, New Delhi- 110001.
5. The Additional Chief Secretary, PWD, Vikas Marg, ITO, Delhi - 110002.
6. The Chairman, DSIIDC, N36, Bombay life Building, Cannaught Circus, Delhi- 110001.
7. The Vice Chairman, Delhi Development Authority (DDA), A-Block, 1st Floor, Vikas Sadan, Near INA Market, New Delhi - 23.
8. The CEO, DJB, Varunalaya Ph-II, Jandehwala, Karol Bagh, Delhi - 05.
9. The Director, Directorate of Education, Old Secretariat, Delhi - 110054..
10. The Chairman, Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Fire Brigade Lane, Barakhamba Road, New Delhi 110001
11. The CEO, Delhi Cantonment Board, Sadar Bazar, Delhi Cantt-110010.
12. Director, Tata Power Delhi Distribution Limited (TPDDL), NDPL House, Hudson Lines, Kingsway Camp, Delhi - 110009.
13. The Director, BSES Rajdhani, BSES Bhawan, Nehru Place, New Delhi - 110019.
14. The Director, BSES East Delhi, Shakti Kiran Building, Karkardooma, Delhi - 92.

Copy for information to:-

1. The Secretary, Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications, Govt. of India, Room No. 210, Sanchar Bhawan, 20, Ashoka Road, New Delhi - 110001 w.r.t. D.O. letter dated 26.05.2026.
2. The OSD to Chief Secretary, Delhi, 5th Level, Delhi Sectt. Delhi - 110002 w.r.t. mail diary no. CS/26/12872 dated 27.05.2026.
3. PPS to Secretary, Urban Development Department, 9th Level, Delhi Sectt., Delhi - 110002.


 (Sachin Rana, IAS)
 Special Secretary (UD)

अमित अग्रवाल, भा.प्र.से.
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Amit Agrawal, IAS
Secretary



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संचार मंत्रालय
दूरसंचार विभाग
Government of India
Ministry of Communications
Department of Telecommunications
Dated 26th May 2026

DO no. 5-1/2023-NBM

Dear Shri Verma,

You would agree that reliable and ubiquitous telecom connectivity in public areas such as metro stations, stadiums etc. are a necessity for a Digital India. For this, it is necessary that telecom infrastructure be integrated in all such projects and Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) be associated at the planning stage itself to ensure efficient and cost-effective deployment of telecom infrastructure.

2. In this connection, I would like to mention that as per information received from TSPs, they are not being allowed to establish telecom infrastructure at some metro stations, stadiums etc. The administrative authorities of these entities have appointed neutral-host infrastructure providers (IPs), the registration holders of DoT, to establish telecommunication infrastructure in their properties. As per TSP inputs, these IPs intend to charge TSPs exorbitantly for use of Common Telecom Infrastructure (CTI) deployed by IPs in the properties under these entities. The representations by the TSPs to some of the metro authorities is enclosed herewith for reference. Evidently these entities are treating the permissions to instal CTI inside their premises as a source of revenue generation, creating a high entry barrier in commercial terms for TSPs to provide telecom services.

3. In this connection, I would like to invite your attention to the following provisions of the Telecommunications Act, 2023 and the Telecommunication (Right of Way) Rules, 2024 made thereunder for uniform processes and charges for RoW permissions in public properties:

- (a) Section 11 of the said Act provides for right of way for telecommunication network in public property, while section 13 thereof mandates grant of RoW to facility providers in a non-discriminatory manner and, as far as practicable, on a non-exclusive basis.
- (b) Rule 17(3) of the said rules provides that public entities shall make available such common ducts or conduits or cable corridors on an open access basis, that is on non-discriminatory and non-exclusive basis, subject to payment of charges based on prevailing market rates and the principle of cost recovery over a minimum period of 25 years.

4. It is also pertinent that under the provisions of the Addendum to Model Building Bye-Laws, 2016 issued by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), no fee will be charged for In-Building Solutions (IBS) / Fiber to the x (FTTx) network and permission to in-building access and/or CTI facilities inside the building should not be seen as a source of revenue generation. However, charges may be levied for power and fixtures as per actuals.

5. In view of the above, it is requested that suitable advisories may be issued to all metro rail corporations, urban local bodies and other entities under the administrative control of the UT with a view to ensure that—

- (a) provisioning of telecom infrastructure in public property is treated as a public utility akin to supply of electricity, water etc. and not treated as a source of revenue generation under any policy;
- (b) the bidding IP company holds valid license issued by DoT for the relevant category and has end-to-end agreement to provide telecom connectivity with all major TSPs on the date of submission of the bid;
- (c) In-Building Solutions and other telecom infrastructure deployed by neutral host infrastructure providers are non-exclusive, transparent and aligned with the Telecommunications (Right of Way) Rules, 2024 and the Addendum to Model Building Bye-Laws, 2016 issued by MoHUA; and
- (d) licensed TSPs are allowed access as per the legal provisions cited in paragraph 3 above.

6. I am sure that with your support these measures will go a long way in helping common citizens of your UT in availing of telecom connectivity while using/passing through public premises.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,



(Amit Agrawal)

Shri Rajeev Verma
Chief Secretary
Government of NCT of Delhi
Delhi Secretariat, IP Estate, New Delhi – 110 002