

#### BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Special Commissioner (Projects), N R Square, Bangalore-02

# Proceedings of the meeting held to review the issues related to OFC installation in the city

Venue: Meeting Hall 2, BBMP HO

Date and Time: 11-06-2019 at 3:00 pm

#### Chaired by

Special Commissioner (Projects)

#### **Participants**

- Engineer In Chief
- CE (OFC)

- Representative of COAI
- Representatives of OFC agencies
  - o Reliance Jio Infocom
  - o Bharti Airtel Ltd
  - Atria Convergence Technologies
  - o Tata Communications Ltd Etc

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- CE (OFC) welcomed all the participants and briefly explained the purpose and background of the meeting. It was informed that during the meeting held on 10-05-2019, the OFC agencies were given time to show visible progress on the work of rectification of uneven chamber cover and removal of unauthorized overhanging cables.
- It was also informed that this meeting had been convened to take stock of the action initiated by OFC agencies and submit a report to the Hon'ble Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka in the next co-ordination meeting.
- The OFC agencies were requested to present the plan of action for the next two months. The COAI representative gave a presentation on the following points pertaining to Airtel, Reliance Jio, Vodafone and ACT. COAI representative admitted that the other agencies have not responded.
- The chair instructed Chief Engineer (OFC) to issue notices and take action against those agencies who have not responded.
- The presentations were made on the number of chamber covers existing, number of chamber covers to be rectified and number of chamber cover, rectified. Action plan to rectify in 2 months.

# The Agency wise action plan for various works submitted by representative of COAI.

Chamber covers rectification

Description	Total Plan	Airtel	Jio	ACT	Voda
Total Chambers	4515	2163	2176	100	76
Rectification Done	1987	438	1434	80	35
Rectification pending	2560	1725	774	20	41
Target June-19	824	414	369	20	21
Target July-19	1090	665	405		20
Target for August-19	666	666			

## Overhead to underground

 The total length of overhead cables and action plan to convert overhead to underground for the next 3 months.

Description	Total Plan	Airtel	Jio	ACT	Voda
Permission required	2095	504	1247	154	190
Target June-19	245	65	130	10	40
Target July-19	384	110	180	54	40
Tart August-19	450	120	200	90	40
Target for Sept-19	362	122	200		40
Target for October- 19	30				30

- The chair observed that the rectification work planned is to be carried out with due diligence since the rainy season has already started and hence to carry out the rectification work and complete the same at the earliest by engaging more men and machinery.
- The Service providers were also informed to complete the removal of overhead cables in Tender SURE roads and if any issues regarding last mile connectivity the same may be brought to the notice of the Chief Engineer (Project Central) through Chief Engineer (OFC).
- The Chair also opined that all the overhanging cables in the Tender SURE Roads shall be invariably be laid in the underground ducts provided for the purpose within 15 days.
- The chair also instructed zonal CE's, Chief Engineer (Road Infrastructure) and Chief Engineer (Project central) to inspect the rectification works done by the agencies and submit a report regularly.

- The representative of COAI have requested to chair for start of issue of new online permissions and the chair has opined that the new permission will be issued henceforth and the Chief Engineer (OFC) have been instructed to send a copy to the Police Commissioner's office for co-ordination during execution of cable laying by the operators.
- It was also informed that a co-ordination committee involving various Government agencies viz: BWSSB, BESCOM, KPTCL, BMRCL, GAIL Gas limited and other departmental agencies will be held on Tuesday under the Chairmanship of Special Commissioner (Project). If any specific issues relating to above agencies the service providers may bring up the same in the co-ordination meeting.

In concluding remarks, the Chair reiterated that in the interest of an organized city, it is important that all agencies regulate OFC installation and ensure safe and proper work execution. Public safety is paramount and BBMP will not show any leniency for unauthorized installations or shoddy work. However BBMP will also stand by the OFC operators who maintain requisite standards of work. Representatives of COAI as well as OFC service provider agencies agreed for the same.

The participants were thanked and the meeting was concluded.

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### Copies to

- 1. Hon.ble Commissioner, BBMP
- 2. All zonal Chief Engineer / Chief Engineer-Road Infrastructure and Chief Engineer (Project Central)
- 3. CE-OFC Cell, BBMP
- 4. All Service Providers
- 5. Office file.