



BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Commissioner, BBMP HO, NR Square, Bangalore-02

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

Venue: IPP, Malleswaram

Date and Time: 12-11-2019 at 3:00 pm

Chaired by

Commissioner, BBMP

Participants

- Special Commissioner (Projects)
- Engineer In Chief
- CE (OFC)
- CE (Road Infrastructure)
- EE(OFC)
- And other BBMP officers
- Representatives of DoT
- Representative of COAI
- Representatives of OFC agencies
 - Reliance Jio Infocom Ltd
 - Bharti Airtel Ltd
 - Atria Convergence Technologies
 - Vodafone Idea Ltd
 - Tata Communications Ltd
 - and others

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CE (OFC) welcomed the participants and briefly explained the background of the meeting.

Further, the Representative of COAI gave a presentation about the issues of concern to the OFC agencies in general and requested for the support of BBMP. The major issues highlighted were the removal of overhead cables, stoppage of permission, increased security deposit amount etc.

The Chair noted that presently various agencies lay OFC in an unorganised manner and this has led to lot of inconvenience to public. The overhanging cables will not be tolerated under any circumstance.

After detailed discussions on various topics, following has been decided:-

- Henceforth, BBMP will approve OFC installations bellow 2KM length only and all permissions will have 60 days validity. OFC agencies to apply and execute accordingly.
- User IDs to various utility/infra organisations such as (BWSSB, BESCOM, KPTCL, Traffic Police, BMRCL, GAIL Ltd, GAIL Gas and MI) shall be provided in OFC-GIS platform. All such organisations/departments will record their opinion, if any, within 10 days of applying and if such

organisations/departments fail to register their opinion, their deemed concurrence will be presumed. This will put in place a single window and OFC agencies need not approach the above agencies again for their concurrence once BBMP issues its permission.

- OFC agencies shall pay about Rs.50/- (To be finalised at the time of issuing the related order and annually thereafter) per meter as restoration charges and the Security Deposit being collected at present at 25% of the permission fee will be revised to Rs.50/- per meter, which will be released at the end of two years.
- Agencies informed that there is roughly about 1200 KM of overhead OFC, (Airtel - 324 KM, Jio - 600 KM, Vodaphone - KM, ACT- KM, TCL- 15 KM) which will be immediately converted to underground by applying for permission with earlier permission letters, Geo Maps, work plan etc. Meanwhile OFC agencies shall paint such overhead cables with a color unique to their organisation or place tags on them.
- The chamber covers not at the surrounding road level will be brought to the level of the roads without any delay. In view of commuter safety, leniency shall not be shown anymore and penalty will be imposed for irregular chambers.
- OFC agencies were asked to collectively submit a chamber design that can be adopted universally by all agencies.
- OFC agencies to remove legacy defunct cables collectively.
- OFC agencies volunteered to install display boards at the place of work execution with a number with which a grievance redressal mechanism can be established.

In concluding remarks, the Chair reiterated that all agencies should regulate OFC installation and ensure safe and proper work execution. Public safety is paramount and BBMP will not show any leniency for unauthorised installations or work endangering public safety.

The participants were thanked and the meeting was concluded.

(BH Anil Kumar, IAS)
Commissioner
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