

**Proceedings of the meeting under the joint chairmanship of Minister for Bengaluru Development and Town Planning and Minister for Energy Shri.D.K.Shivakumar to discuss the issues related to OFC installations in the city.**

**Venue:** Meeting Hall, BMRDA Office

**Date:** 14-03-2017 at 3:00 PM

**Participants**

1. Additional Chief Secretary to Government, UDD
2. Wor. Mayor, BBMP
3. Special Commissioner (Projects), BBMP
4. Commissioner, BBMP
5. Engineer-In-Chief, BBMP
6. Chief Engineer, BESCO
7. Chief Engineer, Road Infrastructure
8. Representatives of OFC agencies

The participants were welcomed to the meeting and further subject wise discussions are as below.

**1. Uploading of existing OFC network**

Commissioner, BBMP updated the chair that the OFC agencies are still in the process of concluding the voluntary disclosure.

Further, Engineer-In-Chief elucidated on the agency wise voluntary disclosure uploads vis-à-vis the permissions already issued by BBMP. Presently voluntary disclosure pertaining to about 5250 KM long OFC installations have been uploaded. Further, Reliance Jio has to update about 2700 KM long network in the BBMP's GIS portal and Vodafone to upload about 1000 KM network. Considering the same, total estimate of voluntary disclosure would be around 9250 KM. Since 6900 KM long OFC installation permissions have been accorded from 2012 by BBMP, about 2350 KM long network needs to be regularised. Minister for BD&TP advised that demand notes may be issued immediately by BBMP to regularise these unauthorised installations. However modality of regularisation to be decided by Commissioner, BBMP.

At this juncture, representative of Idea Cellular requested that since the data supplied by BBMP regarding permissions issued, relates to 2012 and later; the permissions issued prior to 2012 may also be taken into consideration before calculating the dues and raising the related demand note. Commissioner, BBMP agreed and asked the OFC service provider agencies to submit such copies of permissions obtained earlier.

The representative of Airtel informed that in certain cases permission has been obtained from the erstwhile CMC, TMC and Panchayats and the related permission



letters have been submitted to BBMP. BBMP representatives asked for the submission of related drawings, fee paid receipts and other data so that the same can be verified. However it was informed to the agencies that all old OFC installations carried out under the permissions obtained earlier through other local bodies, will have to be regularised with BBMP.

Minister for BD&TP informed the gathering that all OFC installations other than those uploaded in voluntary disclosure will be considered unauthorised and will be removed. The service providers agreed for the same.

2. Minister for BD&TP expressed his unhappiness about digging of newly asphalted Nagawara Main Road by Reliance Jio on night of 13-03-2017. It was informed that a criminal case has been booked and stringent action will be taken against the agency, if such incidents are repeated.

Hon.Minister for Energy opined that unless criminal cases are booked against the decision makers in OFC agencies for unauthorised road digging and overhead cable installations, these practice will not abate. Hence it was agreed that such cases will be dealt decisively in future.

### 3. **"Structured Overhead OFC"** installation

Discussing the overhead OFC cable installations seen all over the city, it was observed that the same needs to be installed in a structured manner. Commissioner, BBMP drew the attention of the chair about the discussions in BBMP council on 13-03-2017 about BBMP being the only agency authorised by the statute to permit OFC installations in the city. Minister for BD&TP explained that this exercise is about bringing orderliness to overhead cables installed all over the city and related revenue sharing model can be looked into, if required.

Chief Engineer, BESCO who had been assigned with the responsibility of submitting a **"Structured Overhead OFC"** installation proposal informed the chair that while the clamp system proposal is feasible, there are certain administrative impediments which need to be addressed before allowing installation of telecommunication cables on BESCO poles. Hon.Minister for Energy agreed to review the matter.

Further it was very categorically clarified to the OFC agencies that the cable coils found hanging overhead on BESCO poles are an eyesore and will have to be removed without exception.


### 4. **Proposal for incorporating utility ducts in all roads**

In continuation to the discussions in the last meeting, Minister (BD&TP) enquired about the utility ducts proposal that needed to be submitted by the agencies. The agencies informed that the same has been submitted to BBMP with three options. BBMP to review and revert on the same.

Also Chief Engineer-Road Infrastructure, BBMP was assigned with the responsibility of coming up with a proposal/estimate for provision of utility ducts for OFC and forward the same to Commissioner, BBMP for review.

5. Representative of ACT requested that since the voluntary disclosure is completed from their end, the overhead cable removal activity taken up from BBMP may cease. However Special Commissioner (Projects), BBMP informed that upon regularisation of voluntarily disclosed unauthorised installations; BBMP will issue permission letters and till then overhead cable removal will be continued.

The participants were thanked and meeting was concluded.



**(K J George)**

Minister for BD&TP  
Government of Karnataka

To  
All concerned