

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER::SONITPUR::TEZPUR
e-GOVERNANCE:::GANA BHAWAN



EC No. 9335/ - 2526

NOTIFICATION

Subject: Implementation of the Telecommunications Act, 2023 and the Telecommunications (Right of Way) Rules, 2024 in Sonitpur district – reiteration of Government Notification eCF No. IT 669143/2025/227 dated 15th June, 2026.

In pursuance of the provisions of the Telecommunications Act, 2023 and the Telecommunications (Right of Way) Rules, 2024, and in compliance with the Notification issued by the Information Technology Department, Government of Assam vide eCF No. IT 669143/2025/227 dated 15th June, 2026 (copy annexed), the undersigned, being the competent authority for grant of Right of Way (RoW) permissions in the district in terms of paragraph 7 of the said Notification, hereby adopts and reiterates the said Notification in its entirety for strict compliance within Sonitpur district, and directs as follows:

1. All provisions of Notification eCF No. IT 669143/2025/227 dated 15th June, 2026 shall be complied with strictly by all offices, field formations, local bodies, municipal boards, town committees, Panchayats, agencies and undertakings functioning within Sonitpur district.
2. All applications for Right of Way permission shall be submitted, processed and disposed of exclusively through the Assam RoW Portal (row.assam.gov.in). No manual application shall be entertained or processed by any authority within Sonitpur district under any circumstances.
3. The final permission on every RoW application shall be issued by the District Commissioner through the Assam RoW Portal. All examining offices and agencies shall furnish their comments or clearances on the Portal within the prescribed timelines, so that no application results in deemed approval or delay beyond any communicated target date.
4. No administrative fee or Right of Way charge shall be levied for installation of mobile towers and related telecommunications infrastructure on private property. Compensation for use of street furniture shall be limited to the rates prescribed under Rule 11(8) read with Part-3 of the Schedule to the Telecommunications (Right of Way) Rules, 2024, and no additional fee, rent, royalty, licence fee or recurring charge shall be levied by any authority within Sonitpur district.
5. In terms of Section 14(3) of the Telecommunications Act, 2023, a telecommunication network installed on any property shall not be treated as part of such property, including for the purposes of any transaction relating to that property or of any property tax, levy, cess, fee or duty applicable to that property.
6. In terms of Section 14(4) of the Telecommunications Act, 2023 read with Government of India Notification G.S.R. 72(E) dated 29.01.2026, no public entity within Sonitpur district shall take coercive action, including sealing, preventing access to, or forcibly shutting down any telecommunication network established by an authorised entity, except with the permission of the Additional Chief Secretary, Home and Political Department, Government of Assam, or where such action is necessary to deal with any natural disaster or public emergency.

7. All offices and agencies within Sonitpur district shall issue necessary instructions to their subordinate formations for compliance with this Notification, and shall monitor the Assam RoW Portal regularly so as to avoid delay in the deployment of telecommunications infrastructure.

This Notification shall come into force with immediate effect.

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Date: 04.08.2026
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(Shri Ananda Kumar Das, ACS)
District Commissioner,
Sonitpur, Assam

Memo No. 9335/- 2526 -41

Date: 04/08/2026

Copy to:

1. The Principal Secretary to the Government of Assam, Information Technology Department, Dispur, Guwahati-06, for favour of kind information and as compliance to letter eCF No. IT 669143/2025/244 dated 28th July, 2026.
2. The Director, DITEC for favour of kind information.
3. The Chief Executive Officer, Zila Parishad, for information and strict compliance.
4. All Co-District Commissioner, Sonitpur for information and strict compliance.
5. The Circle Officer (All), Sonitpur for information and strict compliance.
6. The District Informatics Officer, Sonitpur for uploading on the district website.
7. The Executive Officers of all Municipal Boards / Town Committees, Sonitpur for information and strict compliance.
8. The Executive Engineers, PWD (Roads) / PWD (Buildings & NH) / Irrigation / Water Resources divisions, Sonitpur for information and strict compliance.
9. The Divisional Forest Officer, Sonitpur for information and necessary action.
10. The District Transport Officer, Sonitpur for information and necessary action.
11. The General Manager, APDCL, Sonitpur for information and necessary action.
12. The General Manager, BSNL, Sonitpur for information and necessary action.
13. The Senior Executive officer, ASWAN, AMTRON, Sonitpur for information and necessary action.

(e-Signed)
District Commissioner,
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ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR

NOTIFICATION

eCF No. IT 669143/2025/227: In pursuance of the provisions of the Telecommunications Act, 2023 and the Telecommunications (Right of Way) Rules, 2024 notified by the Department of Telecommunications, Government of India, and in continuation of this Department's earlier communication issued vide eCF No. IT 268447/2023/281 dated 07.02.2025 regarding implementation of RoW Rules, 2024, and in order to facilitate faster, more transparent and time-bound deployment of telecommunications infrastructure, including optical fibre cable, mobile towers, small cells, street furniture-based installations and related telecom assets in the State, the Governor of Assam is hereby pleased to reiterate the following salient features and directions for strict compliance by all concerned authorities, agencies and stakeholders:

1. **Deemed Approval:** Applications for Right of Way (RoW) permission shall be deemed approved if not disposed of within 67 days from the date of submission of the application.
2. **No RoW Fee for Mobile Towers on Private Property:** No administrative fee or Right of Way charge shall be levied for installation of mobile towers and related telecommunications infrastructure on private properties.
3. **Compensation for use of Street Furniture:** Compensation for use of street furniture for installation of small cells and telecommunication lines shall be as prescribed under Rule 11(8) read with Part-3 of the Schedule to the Telecommunications (Right of Way) Rules, 2024, as amended from time to time. The present rates are ₹300 per annum per street furniture in urban areas and ₹150 per annum per street furniture in rural areas for small cells, and ₹100 per annum per street furniture for telecommunication lines, with an option for advance consolidated payment for five years. No additional fee, rent, royalty, licence fee or recurring charge shall be levied beyond the amount prescribed under the said Rules.
4. **Simplified and Time-bound Approval Process:** Permissions relating to deployment of telecommunications infrastructure shall be processed through a streamlined, transparent and time-bound mechanism as prescribed under the Telecommunications (Right of Way) Rules, 2024.
5. **Online Processing through Assam RoW Portal:** All RoW applications shall be submitted and processed through the Assam RoW Portal (row.assam.gov.in) developed and operationalised by the Information Technology Department, Government of Assam, in accordance with the Telecommunications (Right of Way) Rules, 2024.
6. **No Manual Processing:** RoW applications shall be processed exclusively through the Assam RoW Portal. No manual application shall be entertained or processed by any authority under any circumstances. BSNL, APDCL, AMTRON, COAI and all other telecom infrastructure stakeholders shall ensure that applications are submitted only through the Assam RoW Portal. Any deficiencies, clarifications or compliances required by the competent authority shall be addressed promptly on the Portal.
7. **District Commissioner as Competent Authority:** The District Commissioner shall be the competent authority for grant of RoW permissions through the Assam RoW Portal. Applications may be examined by other authorities or agencies as required; however, the final approval shall be issued by the District Commissioner through the Portal.
8. **Telecommunication Network Distinct from Property:** In accordance with Section 14(3) of the Telecommunications Act, 2023, the telecommunication network installed on any property shall not be considered as part of such property, including for the purposes of any transaction related to that property, or any property tax, levy, cess, fee or duty as may be applicable on that property.

9. **Protection against coercive action:** In accordance with Section 14(4) of the Telecommunications Act, 2023 and Government of India Notification G.S.R. 72(E) dated 29.01.2026, no public entity shall take coercive action, including ~~sealing, preventing access to, or forcibly shutting down~~ any telecommunication network established by ~~an authorised person~~, except with the permission of the Additional Chief Secretary, Home and Political Department, Government of Assam, authorised for this purpose by the Central Government, or where such action is necessary to deal with any natural disaster or public emergency.

10. **Compliance of RoW Rules, 2024:** All concerned Departments and District Commissioners shall issue necessary instructions to all subordinate offices, field formations, local bodies and agencies under their administrative control to comply with the provisions of the Telecommunications Act, 2023 and the Telecommunications (Right of Way) Rules, 2024.

11. **Monitoring:** All concerned authorities shall monitor the Assam RoW Portal (row.assam.gov.in) regularly, process applications promptly, furnish comments or clearances within the prescribed timelines, and avoid any delay that may lead to deemed approval or adversely affect the deployment of telecommunications infrastructure in the State.

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Date: 15-06-2026
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Principal Secretary to Govt. of Assam,
Information Technology Department

Memo eCF No. IT 669143/2025/227-A

Copy to:

1. The Sr. Most Secretaries to Govt. of Assam, Public Works (Roads) Department/ Public Works (Buildings & NH) Department/ Department of Housing & Urban Affairs/ Panchayat & Rural Development Department/ Environment & Forest Department/ Power Department, Dispur, Guwahati-06 for kind information and necessary action.
2. The Additional Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Home & Political Department, Dispur, Guwahati-06, for kind information and necessary action with reference to Government of India Notification G.S.R. 72(E) dated 29.01.2026 issued under Section 14(4) of the Telecommunications Act, 2023
3. The Staff Officer to the Chief Secretary, Assam for kind information of the Chief Secretary.
4. The Director, DITEC, Assam, Dispur, Guwahati-06 with a request to monitor the timely clearance of applications on the RoW Portal.
5. The MD, AMTRON, Bamunimaidam, Guwahati-21, for kind information and necessary action.
6. The State Project Director, AITEC & CSD Society, Dispur, Guwahati-06 for kind information and necessary action.
7. The Director, Directorate of Printing & Stationery, Bamunimaidam, Guwahati-21 for publication in the next issue of the official Gazette
8. All District Commissioners/Co-District Commissioners/SDOs (Civil).
9. The Principal Secretaries of Autonomous Councils.
10. The ADG (R), DoT, LSA, Assam for kind information.
11. The Chief General Manager, BSNL, Assam for kind information.
12. The General Manager, APDCL, Bijulee Bhawan, Paltan Bazaar, Guwahati-781001
13. The Director General, Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI)

By order etc.,
e-Signed
Principal Secretary to Govt. of Assam,
Information Technology Department