

**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA**

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Local Self Government (eG)Department

Thiruvananthapuram,

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CIRCULAR

Sub: Local Self Government Department – Scheme for Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) 2026-27, Part VI- Operational Guidelines – Implementation of Right of Way Rules 2024 – Granting Right of Way permission for special telecommunication projects notified by the Central Government – Issuance of guidelines – Reg.

- Ref: 1. Telecommunications (Right of Way) Rules, 2024.
2. G.O.(Ms)No.12/2025/ITD dated 17.07.2025.
3. Letter No. 5-112026-NBM-SASCI dated 30.04.2026 from the Ministry of Communications, Government of India.
4. Letter No.IT-B1/64/2026-ITD dated 20.06.26, 29.06.26 from the E&IT Department.
5. Minutes of the 8th State Broadband Committee (SBC) Meeting Held on 10.08.2026.

As per the Government Order read as 2nd cited above, the Telecommunications (Right of Way) Rules, 2024, issued by the Central Government for establishing telecommunication networks and granting Right of Way (RoW) permissions, are applicable to permissions for Right of Way for Telecommunication network in the State. As per Chapter IV, Rule 12(3) of the said Rules, the public entity shall not levy any entry fee for access, or any charge, fee, rent, annuity, compensation, bank guarantee or any other financial contribution in any form, for the

establishment, operation or maintenance of telecommunication network for special projects, or for restoration of the site where the Central Government notifies any telecommunication project as a Special Project.

In such circumstances, the restoration works forming part of the telecommunication works shall be carried out by the concerned Telecom Service Provider (TSP)/Internet Service Provider (ISP) at its own cost and responsibility. The restoration works shall be executed in accordance with the existing standards prescribed by the Public Works Department and shall be restored to the original standard and condition of the road.

In cases, where RoW is required on a road under Defect Liability Period (DLP), TSP shall initiate steps for a tripartite agreement among the Secretary of the concerned Local Body, the Telecom Service Provider and the DLP contractor. The restoration of the road may be undertaken by the original DLP contractor, so that the DLP obligations are protected. **If the original DLP contractor is not willing to do the restoration work, then the TSP has to undertake the restoration work and the original DLP will be transferred to the TSP.**

TSP shall sign an MOU with the Secretary of the concerned local body to ensure all the digging and restoration works are carried out as per the norms.

All concerned shall ensure strict compliance with the above instructions while processing applications for Right of Way permission for Special Projects notified by the Central Government.

Forwarded / By order,

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Section Officer.

To:

1. The Principal Director, Local Self Government Department,
2. The Director, Urban, Local Self Government Department.
3. The Director, Rural, Local Self Government Department.
4. The Chief Engineer, Local Self Government Department.
5. All Local Self Government Institutions (through the Principal Director, Local Self Government Directorate).
6. The Executive Director, Information Kerala Mission
7. The Accountant General (Audit/A&E), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
8. The Accountant General (E&RSA/G&SSA), Kerala,

Thiruvananthapuram.

9. Electronics & Information Technology (B) Department.

10. Local Self Government (RC/RD/DC) Department.

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