



Approval of Telecom Ease and Expansion Guidelines 2023

Why in News?

The Cabinet approved the 'Policy 2023 for Facilitating Establishment of Telecom Infrastructure in Madhya Pradesh' and 'Guidelines for Facilitating Establishment of Telecom Infrastructure in Madhya Pradesh' and 'Guidelines for Facilitating Establishment of Telecom Infrastructure in Madhya Pradesh' prepared in alignment with the Right of Way Rules, 2022 and Indian Telegraph (Infrastructure Security) Rules, 2022 issued by the Government of India in the meeting of the Council of Ministers on August 1, 2023.

Key Points:

- With the implementation of the said policy, the telecom infrastructure (4G/5G) in Madhya Pradesh will expand quickly and smoothly and the income of the state government will increase.
- In order to ensure the planned development and expansion of telecom services and infrastructure in the state, 'Policy and Guidelines 2019 to facilitate the establishment of infrastructure for providing wireline or wireless-based voice and data access services by telecom services, internet services, infrastructure providers in Madhya Pradesh' is currently in force.
- The validity period of this policy is up to December 2023. At present, 5G telecom facilities have also been rolled out within the country.
- The Indian Right to Wire (ROW) (Amendment) Rules, 2022 have been issued by the Government of India, Ministry of Communications, Department of Telecommunications on August 17, 2022, with specific provisions for setting up telecom infrastructure and further strengthening of infrastructure related to 5G roll-out.
- The Indian Telegraph (Infrastructure Security) Rules, 2022 have been issued by the Department of Telecommunications, Government of India on January 3, 2023. These rules provide that if any person/agency undertakes excavation or mining at an existing telecom infrastructure site set up on public and private property, the general shall inform the concerned licensee through the portal. This will prevent unwanted damage to telecom infrastructure.

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