

Draft broadband policy by mid October: BTRC

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Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) is planning on completing the draft national broadband policy by mid October.

Giving preference to socio economic aspect BTRC is organising seminar and workshops with the stakeholders. Sunil Kanti Bose, chairman of BTRC, yesterday said this at a workshop organised for the broadband policy.

The broad band policy was not successful because of limited budget in comparison to ambitious goal, Sunil Kanti Bose told telecom journalists on the sidelines of the workshop.

In 2009, broadband policy was made by the government and at that time Sunil Kanti Bose was the telecom secretary.

“We made the policy with the help of



ITU (International Telecom Union) but we could not make it successful. We have been able to install fibre optics in 339 upazilas out of 487 upazilas. We are trying to reduce this gap but the truth is that, we are still unsuccessful at doing that,” said the BTRC chairman.

He also explained the definition of

broadband stating that many people think that broadband speed should be 2 mbps or 5 mbps but that's not important but what is important is that people are getting the proper speed of broadband from wherever that person is using the broad band from.

He also stated that he wants the policy to be in such a way so that people would get there money's worth every time they use internet.

BTRC will send the draft to the ministry as soon as it is finished. After public consultation and taking opinions from experts and stakeholders the draft will be finalised. This entire process will take this year to finish, opined Sunil Kanti Bose.

According to the 2009 policy, by 2015 every union parishad should have been under broadband network.