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Abstract

Information Technology Department--Implementation of BharatNet Project in the State - Creation of Special Purpose Vehicle and modalities for implementation of project-Approved- Orders Issued.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (B) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(MS) No.40/2015/ITD

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram 19-09-2015.

- Read:-** 1. G.O. (MS) No. 21/2012/ITD, dated 20-10-2012.
2. Minutes of the meeting of the Apex Committee on e-Governance held on 16-07-2015.
3. Letter No. KSITM/KSWAN/2015/29/230, dated 06-08-2015 of the Director, Kerala State IT Mission.

ORDER

As per G.O read as I Paper above sanction was accorded for the creation of National Optical Fibre Network(NOFN) Project in the state through Bharat Broadband Network Limited(BBNL). NOFN was intended to provide high speed broad band connectivity from the block level to the grama panchayats using optical fibre media capable of providing a band width of 100 mbps by utilizing the existing Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) laid by the 3 prominent telecom PSUs i.e BSNL, Railtel and Power Grid Corporation of India Limited(PGCIL). BBNL has completed the OFC works in 977 Grama Panchayats and 152 Block Panchayats by June 2015.

2. As NOFN has certain limitations, the Department of Telecommunications, Government of India envisage to implement the Bharat Net project which is a newer, updated and upgraded version of NOFN. The proposed architecture and technology enables building of robust, reliable, scalable services oriented network that will lead India into the knowledge world. Government of India has suggested the following models for the speedy implementation of the project :

- a. State Led
- b. Private Led
- c. Central PSU Led.

3. In the Apex Committee meeting on e-Governance held on 16th July 2015 chaired by Chief Secretary it was decided to accord in principle approval to choose the State Led Model for the implementation of BharatNet in the state by forming a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV).

4. The Director, KSITM as per letter read as 3rd Paper above, has requested to create an SPV for the implementation of BharatNet and to constitute a committee to work out the modalities for the creation of the state SPV and defining the scope of work. He has also requested approval for engaging a consultancy firm to conduct a detailed survey in this regard.

5. Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to grant approval

(a) to adopt State led model for implementation of BharatNet Project, which is a newer, updated and upgraded version of NOFN, in the State by forming a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV).

(b) To constitute a committee with following structure to work out the modalities for the creation of State SPV and defining the scope of its work :

- i. Additional Chief Secretary, Finance Department- (Chairman)
- ii. Principal Secretary, Information Technology Department -(Convenor)
- iii. Principal Secretary, Local Self Government Department -(Member)
- iv. Secretary, Power Department- (Member)
- v. Director, Kerala State IT Mission -(Member)
- vi. Director, TERM Cell- Kerala, Department of Telecommunications- (Member)
- vii. Chief General Manager, Bharat Broadband Network Limited -(Member)

The committee shall work out the modalities for the creation of State SPV within a period of two months time.

(6) The Director, KSITM is directed to engage a suitable consultancy firm selected in a transparent manner to conduct a detailed survey for the implementation of BharatNet project for identifying the Government institutions using Geographical Information System (GIS) mapping, Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) route map, network hardware and fiber sizing, design and architecture preparation of

the Detailed Project Report(DPR) etc., through an open tender. Director, KSITM is also permitted to meet the expenditure for the above to the tune of Rs. 150 Lakhs from the fund of Kerala State IT Mission.

(By Order of the Governor)
P.H Kurian
Principal Secretary to Government

To

The Additional Chief Secretary, Finance Department
The Principal Secretary, Information Technology Department
The Principal Secretary, Local Self Government Department
The Secretary, Power Department
The Director, Kerala State IT Mission
The Director, TERM Cell- Kerala, Department of Telecommunications
The Secretary, Department of Telecommunications *(with C/L)*
The Chief General Manager, Bharat Broadband Network Limited
The Principal Accountant General (Audit) Kerala Thiruvananthapuram.
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