



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

E&IT Department – KFON- Providing free internet connectivity to the most eligible economically backward families- Utilisation of funds available for KFON project– Permissive sanction accorded – Orders issued.

ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (B) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms)No.15/2022/ITD

Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 06-05-2022

Read:- 1. G.O(Ms)No.27/2019/ITD dated 11.11.2019.

2. Letter No. MD/KFON/2022/5651 dated 18.03.2022 from the MD, Kerala State IT Infrastructure Ltd.

3. GO(MS)No.13/2022/ITD dated 04.05.2022.

ORDER

Administrative Sanction has been accorded for providing free internet connectivity through KFON project to the most eligible economically backward families as per Government Order read as 3 rd paper above. A total of 70,000 beneficiaries (500 each from 140 Legislative Assembly Constituencies covering all Local Self Government Institutions in the State) will be benefited from it.

2. As per letter read above, the Managing Director, Kerala State IT Infrastructure Ltd. has submitted a proposal and requested for funds for providing free internet connections to the most eligible economically backward families with an estimated one-time fixed cost per connection of ₹ 5000/- and the estimated recurring monthly expenses amounting to ₹300/-.

3. As sanction has been accorded for providing connectivity to 70,000 families, approximately ₹35,00,00,000/- (70000*5000) will be required for meeting the one time fixed cost. In addition to the above, recurring bandwidth charges and other operation & maintenance charges of approximately ₹300/- per connection per month is also required.

4. As Government had decided to provide free internet connectivity to 70,000 most eligible economically backward families, availability of funds shall not be a hindrance for the implementation of this part of the project.

5. In the circumstance, Government are pleased to accord permissive sanction to the Managing Director, Kerala State IT Infrastructure Limited to utilise all sources of funds available for KFON project for meeting the expenditure in connection with the installation as well as arrangements to be made with Local Cable Operators /

Local Internet Providers to extend internet connectivity from the nearby KFON Point of Presences (PoPs) to the households till the Internet Service Provider for KFON project is selected. The Managing Director, Kerala State IT Infrastructure Limited should inform Government of the utilisation / reallocation of funds done for the purpose.

(By order of the Governor)
BISHWANATH SINHA
ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY

To:

The Managing Director, Kerala State IT Infrastructure Limited, Thiruvananthapuram
The Chairman & Managing Director, KSEB Limited, Thiruvananthapuram
The Chief Executive Officer, Kerala Infrastructure Investment Fund Board
The Director, Kerala State IT Mission, Thiruvananthapuram
The Principal Accountant General (G&SSA) Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram
The Principal Accountant General (A&E) Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram
LSG Department / Power Department / Finance Department
The Information Officer (W&NM), I&PRD

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