GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Information Technology Department – Software packages in Malayalam – Standardisation of - Constitution of Committee - Orders issued

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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

G O.(Rt) No 93/2000/ITD   Dated, Thiruvananthapuram , 2 6 2000.

Read:- G.O (MS) No. 83/98/ID Dated· 28 5 98.

ORDER

As per the Government Order read above, Government have declared a comprehensive I T policy for the State   Government have initiated various projects for computerisation of Government departments and operations of local bodies, such as Information Kerala Project, which seeks to automate transactions at Panchayat level   The success of these projects depend upon the availability of content in Malayalam language   Major software packages and I T applications are currently available largely in English   Although there are several software packages in Malayalam, these have not been standardised so far   An application developed on a particular software cannot be used or accessed using another package

2   In the circumstances, Government are pleased to constitute a Committee on standardisation of Malayalam software as here under

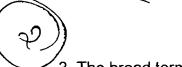|		
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3 The broad terms of reference of the committee will be

(i)   Formulation of standards for Malayalam keyboard layout

(ii)   Formulation of standards for character encoding of Malayalam script.

(iii)   Formulation of standards for the visual representation, of Malayalam characters on the computer The Committee shall suggest strategies and measures to be taken for popularising and promoting local language content and development of application in Malayalam The Committee shall ensure that standards evolved are capable of usage in various applications including word processing, data base management and Internet applications in a manner that these standards would be compatible with all widely used computer platforms

4 The Committee is permitted to coopt additional members if found necessary subject to approval by the Government and the committee will finalise their recommendations and submit a detailed report to Government within three months

(By Order of the Governor)

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