



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Information Technology Department - Implementation of Kerala State Wide Area Network - Administrative Sanction for Rs. 79 Crores and approval of BOOT agreement with M/s. United Telecoms Limited - Modifications- issued

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (B) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(MS)No.10/2008/ITD. Dated, Thiruvananthapuram 24.05.2008

- Read:-
1. Letter No 3. (50) 04-EGD dated 31.03.2005 from the Joint Director, Department of IT, Government of India.
 2. G.O.(Rt) No. 113/05/ITD dated 16.05.2005.
 3. G.O (Rt) No. 22/06/ITD dated 08.02.2006.
 4. G.O.(MS) No. 14/06/ITD dated 04.05.2006.
 5. G.O.(Rt) No. 80/06/ITD dated 04.05.2006.
 6. Letter No. 3 (50) 04-EGD dated 26.07.2006 from the Joint Director, Department of IT, Government of India.]
 7. Letter No KSITM/SWAN/2006/550 dated 24.04.2006 from the Director, KSITM, Thiruvananthapuram.
 8. G O (MS) No. 2/07/ITD dated 03.02.2007.

ORDER

In the Government Order read as 8th paper above Government have accorded Administrative Sanction for the implementation of Kerala State Wide Area Network at an estimated outlay of Rs. 79 crores and Government also approved the agreement between the Director, Kerala State IT Mission, M/s United Telecoms Limited.

It has been ordered that providing connectivity to Treasuries, District Planning Offices, District Panchayat, Block Panchayat, Corporation and Municipalities shall be given priority. It has also been ordered that wireless options for hospital kiosks and marriage kiosks may also be tried in the first phase itself and number of connections increased based on need basis

In a review of the project Government have noted that M/s. United Telecoms Limited has been identifying these remote locations based on line of sight

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connectivity from the base station at the block headquarters. This line of sight is sometimes constrained if the block office is in a low lying area or is obstructed by other physical objects like trees, other tall buildings etc. Besides, office premises in government land and building are only been selected, ignoring those which are located in rented building. It has also been noted that at present rate, about 25 to 30 percent offices in each department are found feasible. The objective of providing connectivity to offices of a department is that it should be able to roll-out applications throughout the state. However, if only 30 percent of offices belonging to a department are covered through KSWAN, it would not be possible for the department to roll out the application throughout the state without resorting to alternate means of connectivity like taking lease lines from BSNL. Since lease lines are extremely costly, and if the department is required to take lease lines for 70 percent of its offices (because only 30 percent offices are connected by KSWAN), it is likely that the department may have to defer the whole roll out of its applications at a state-wide scale.

In the circumstances Government are pleased to order the following modifications to the Government Order read as 8th paper above.

- (i) In the first phase, the exercise of covering up to 70% of the offices in a Department will be limited to the following 13 Departments,
 - (i) Treasuries
 - (ii) District Planning Offices
 - (iii) District Panchayats
 - (iv) Corporations
 - (v) Municipalities
 - (vi) Commercial Taxes
 - (vii) Motor Vehicles Department
 - (viii) Registration
 - (ix) Additional remotes in Trivandrum, Kochi and Kozhikode to connect regional offices of departments in addition to their district offices.
 - (x) Revenue-All Taluks. In addition, villages in Palakkad, Kannur and Kottayam.
 - (xi) PWD
 - (xii) Police and Vigilance
 - (xiii) Panchayats.
- (ii) A complete survey will be done for each department and the additional work required to cover 70% of the offices identified. The cost of the same will be worked out by C-DAC in consultation with the M/s. UTL, the selected contractor by a committee headed by Secretary/Special

Secretary, IT, in which the representatives of Finance, C-DAC and one or two Technical experts will be included. The additional work will be entrusted to M/s. UTL on the basis of the decision of the committee, on condition that the total cost shall not exceed the funds actually sanctioned by Government of India and Government of Kerala for the project as a whole.

- (iii) For covering the balances 30% offices, the concerned Department will issue separate administrative sanction by meeting the expenditure from the H/A under which computerization of the Department is being undertaken. The full requirement including the cost for which Administrative Sanction is to be issued separately will be finalized by the Committee. The actual additional work will be done by the Department separately and not through M/s. UTL.
- (iv) While assessing the additional requirement for full computerization of a Department, the Committee will suggest and include suitable redundancies for connectivity.

(By Order of the Governor),

Dr. AJAY KUMAR,
Secretary to Government.

To

The Director, Kerala State I T Mission,
The Accountant General (A &E/Audit) Thiruvananthapuram
The Finance Department (Vide U O. 103207/Exp.A1/07/ Fin
dated 06.02.2008)

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