



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

IT Department - Common Guidelines for granting Right of Way sanction to telecommunication companies in the State - Formulated - Orders issued.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (A) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(MS)No.16/2010/ITD, Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 30.4.2010.

Read:- 1) G.O.(MS)No.18/2000/ITD dated 8.11.2000.
2) G.O.(MS) No.2/2001/ITD dated 20.1.2001.
3) GO(MS)No.37/2008/ITD dated 16.9.2008.

ORDER

Government vide GO read as 1st paper above had approved the Rights of Way (RoW) policy for laying Optic Fibre Cables along the road networks in Kerala to provide world class telecommunication infrastructure and to promote information technology for the rapid economic and social development of the state. As per this GO Government had also set up a Committee of Secretaries comprising Principal Secretary (PWD), Secretary (LSG-Urban & Rural) and Secretary (Information Technology) as Convenor for formulating working guidelines for effective implementation of policy and further to act as a single window mechanism for according requisite clearances speedily and to monitor implementation of the policy. As per GO read as 2nd paper above it was further made it clear that the clearance issued by IT Department shall be considered final clearance and it shall not be necessary for departments/agencies to issue individual clearances. Accordingly Right of Way is being granted to telecommunication players since 2001 onwards by which the facility to lay underground telecom cables has been allowed subject to certain conditions which were laid out in GO read as 1st paper.

2. Government are pleased to order that the following guidelines shall be implemented for granting RoW sanction to telecommunication companies in the State.

- i. All RoW operators shall provide free bandwidth of 10 MBPS at the NOCs and 4MBPS at the District PoPs and Block PoPs in all such Districts or Block Head quarters through which their cable is laid throughout the duration of the agreement.

- ii. Every RoW operators shall provide internet/communication connectivity to all educational institutions (both Government and in the aided sector) that fall in the route of the Optic Fibre network being set up by them and shall set up one model information Kiosk/Internet Kiosk each in every location, where the main backbone being built by the them so as to provide content relevant to the common man as well as Governmental information.
- iii. The Location map showing the alignment of trenching for various reaches with cross section of trenching shall be got approved and an agreement shall be executed with the concerned Executive Engineer in the PWD Division before commencing the work.
- iv. Bridges, culverts, Black topping of roads, narrow road shoulders and other sensitive areas shall not be cut open or slabs lifted. Separate arrangements shall be made in such areas in consultation with the Public Works Department.
- v. An Agreement shall be executed with the National Highway authorities before trenching is done on National Highways .
- vi. Trenching should be done only through the extreme edge of the road considering the future expansion of the highways and for a stretch of 200m at a time. No trenching will be allowed during rainy season. Proper precautionary measures may be made during execution of trenching such as fencing, lighting, sign boards etc.
- vii. The trenching and restoration works should be done as per MOST specification and as per the instructions of the concerned agency designated by the owner. A completion certificate will be produced and Bank Guarantee will be released only after satisfactory completion of restoration work
- viii. The licensee shall be responsible for changing the cables whenever required at their own cost for the future development and 4 laning of highways/future development of roads
- ix. The District Collectors concerned shall be kept informed about the trenching. Clearance shall be obtained from the Executive Engineers concerned who should certify to the effect that trenching is done on short stretches and the stretches already trenched have been closed fully and compacted as per technical requirements and PWD standards.
- x. The firm shall pay in advance Restoration charges as levied from BSNL @ Rs.248/M² berm cutting, Rs.695/- m² for shoulder cutting and Rs.2,617/m² for BT surface cutting for OFC works on

sanctioned estimate to be prepared by the concerned Executive Engineer of various Divisions.

- xi. The Company shall also co-ordinate with the Kerala State Electricity Board, BSNL, and Kerala Water Authority to ensure that no-other underground installations are disturbed. The company shall fill up the excavated stretches by close compaction of the soil and restore the road/road shoulders properly and produce a certificate to this effect from the authorized officer of the PWD, failing which the Bank Guarantee executed will be forfeited to Government.
- xii. PWD may charge rent/user fee for using the roads. In such cases the company will be liable to pay such charges levied by the PWD.
- xiii) Provisions relating to PWD will be applicable to roads under the control of Local Governments also.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)
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The Principal Secretary, LSGD.
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