GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Information Technology Department – Setting up of CERT-Kerala and appointment of Sri. N. Krishnan as the Director, CERT-Kerala - Orders issued.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (B) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(MS)No:15/2010/ITD.   Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 03.04.2010

Read: 1. GO(MS). No. 5/2002/ITD dated 20.04.2002.
2. Letter No. 6(7)/2005 Security - (Vol.II) dated 06.03.2009 from Sri. Jainder Singh, Secretary, Department of Information Technology, Government of India.

ORDER

With the expansion of e-governance, the threat and vulnerability to cyber attack on IT assets has increased. Government of Kerala and its organisations has over 200 websites, and nearly 100 different applications running. Most of these are not observing adequate security standards and are extremely vulnerable to security threats. A cyber attack can lead to various important services inaccessible to citizens and the network and websites may be corrupted by potential hackers.

As per the Crisis Management Plan for countering Cyber attacks and cyber terrorism prepared by Government of India, State should draw up own sectoral Crisis Management Plan for countering cyber attacks and cyber terrorism and take necessary steps to plan and implement the same. Since there is lack of adequate expertise in Government/Government Agencies/Kerala State IT Mission for handling/preparing such sectoral contingency plans and handling any crisis that may happen due to cyber attack/cyber terrorism, it emerged that there is need for setting up an ongoing permanent mechanism which would act as nodal agency for monitoring various Cyber Security related matters for Government of Kerala/Government Organisations.

Government have therefore felt the need for setting up of Computer Emergency Response Team - Kerala (CERT-Kerala) in line with CERT-India to ensure Cyber Security in the State.

Government have examined the matter and are pleased to set up CERT-Kerala on line with CERT-India as a permanent mechanism which would act as nodal agency for monitoring various Cyber Security related matters for Government of Kerala/Government Organisations. Government further order that the post of Head (Technology) (now renamed as General Manager, Technology) in Kerala State IT Mission created as per Government Order read as first paper above is converted as the post of Director, CERT-Kerala and

Sri. N. Krishnan, T.C. 36/327(1) Akshara Veedhi, Pettah P.O, Thiruvananthapuram is posted as the Director, CERT-Kerala on contract basis for a period of three years with a monthly consolidated lumpsum payment of Rs. 80,000/- (Rupees eighty thousand only).

The Director, CERT-Kerala shall report to Secretary (IT)/Principal Secretary (IT).

By Order of the Governor
DR. AJAY KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Secretary, Department of Information Technology, Government of India, Electronics Niketan, 6, CGO Complex, New Delhi - 110 003(with C/L).

The Director, CERT-India, Department of Information Technology, Government of India, Electronics Niketan, 6,CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi - 110 003 (with C/L).

The Director, Kerala State IT Mission (to put the GO in the website).

Sri. N. Krishnan, T.C. 36/327(1) Akshara Veedhi, Pettah P.O, Thiruvananthapuram

The Principal Accountant General (Audit), Kerala, Trivandrum.

The Accountant General (A &E), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

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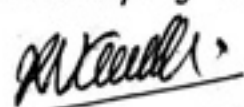
All Heads of Departments

The Director, I& PRD

The Finance Department (vide U.ONo. 18882/Exp.A3/10/Fin dated 12.03.2010.

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