**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA**

**Abstract**

Information Technology Department – Sharing of space in the new State Data Centre of Kerala for Lakshadweep State Data Centre – In principle approval – accorded - Orders issued.

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**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (B) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O. (Ms.) No: 10/2012/ITD**                    **Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 18.05.2012**

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*Read:-*1. D.O.F. No. 2/14/2006 - IT dated 24.02.2012 from the

Secretary, Department of IT, Administration of the Union

Territory of Lakshadweep.

2. Letter No. 817/2012/KSITM/469 dated 29.03.2012 from

the Director, Kerala State IT Mission.

**ORDER**

As per the letter read as 1st paper above, the Secretary, Department of Information Technology, Union Territory of Lakshadweep informed that the State Data Centre (SDC) Scheme by the Ministry of Communications & Information Technology, Department of IT ,GoI, New Delhi, under National e-Governance Plan (NeGP), approved in 2008, is aimed at equipping all States/UTs of the country with an IT Data Centre to host Applications run by various user Departments. Union Territory of Lakshadweep is at various stages of implementing programmes in NeGP (National e-Governance Plan) of State Wide Area Network, Common Service Centre, etc and other critical e-Governance applications and they are in need of the Data Centre to host all these applications at the earliest.

The Union Territory of Lakshadweep is the remote and tiniest territory in the Country. The islands are prone to natural disasters and are hence reliable data infrastructure cannot be set in these islands. The basic requirement of the UT of Lakshadweep is to use Information Technology services to socially integrate a geographically dispersed population, and also to provide wide access to services for all citizens electronically. All the islands are development blocks and are interconnected with the help of VSAT Technology with a limited bandwidth speed, BSNL being the only Internet Service Provider in Lakshadweep.

It is also informed that it would be a preferable option to colocate Lakshadweep IT

infrastructure by sharing the facility of a suitable nearby State Data Centre in terms of costs and reliability, rather than going for a dedicated State Data Centre. Sharing the Data Centre needs with Kerala will be the most feasible option considering the small virtual space requirements of the UT of Lakshadweep. It is also suggested that an MoU between the Kerala State Government and Lakshadweep Administration may be worked out to ensure its smooth operation.

The Secretary, DIT, UT of Lakshadweep has further requested to accommodate the Lakshadweep State Data Centre at the new Data Centre of Kerala State at Technopark, Thiruvananthapuram. He has stated that the details will be worked out and MoU prepared on receipt of the approval and that the UT of Lakshadweep will pay the expenses for the services/facilities availed to them.

The Director, Kerala state IT Mission vide his letter read as 2$^{nd}$ paper informed that the proposal from Lakshwadeep Administration to accommodate the Lakhadweep servers and SAN at the new State Data Centre is technically feasible. Lakshadweep Administration have to procure the hardware items required for their use including the racks and install the same in new State Data Centre of Kerala. Common items like network equipments, firewall etc can be shared. The Director, KSITM has proposed that the charges to be levied on Lakshadweep for using the common infrastructure has to be worked out and that a similar arrangement may be envisaged for sharing the Kerala SDC with Lakshadweep as in the process of sharing the Goa SDC with Daman & Diu and Dadra Nagarhaveli.

In the circumstances, Government have examined the proposal in detail and are pleased to accord in principle approval for sharing the new Kerala State Data Centre with Lakshadweep.

The Director, KSITM will pursue further action required to work out the details and submit proposal to Government for approval.

Final approval will be issued on receipt of such details and draft MoU on the lines of arrangements worked out between Goa and Daman & Diu Administrations.

(By order of the Governor )

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