



**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA**

**Abstract**

Disaster Management Department- NCRMP II- unmounting 35 EWDS installations from BSNL towers and mount them on mono-poles after due assessment by the Technical Support Group (TSG) - In-principle Sanction Accorded-Orders Issued

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**DISASTER MANAGEMENT(A)DEPARTMENT**

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- Read 1) Letter No.MTO V/1696/2021-Admin dated 28-12-2023 of the Member Secretary KSDMA & Head SEOC  
2) Minutes of State Executive Committee of Kerala State Disaster Management Authority dated 18-01-2024

**ORDER**

Kerala has deployed 35 sirens in M/s BSNL owned class 1 towers as part of the Early Warning Dissemination System (EWDS) established under National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project (NCRMP) II. As per the letter read as 1<sup>st</sup> paper above Member Secretary, Kerala State Disaster Management Authority & head SEOC has reported that M/s BSNL had demanded an exorbitant rent of Rs.35,000/- per month at each tower location as rent and cumulatively this will be Rs.1,47,00,000/- in a year for deployment at 35 sites. Over and above this, State needs to pay the service charges for the ILL and SIM cards at these sites. Member Secretary has also reported that it is not a viable proposition and is inimical to disaster risk reduction.

2) As a resolution is not arrived at in the case of rent, M/s BSNL is obstructing provision of connectivity by alternate service provider to these sites. and as a result, it is unable to activate 35 critical sirens and strobe lights as part of the EWDS funded by the Government of India. In this regard, Ministry of Home Affairs(MHA) had been requested to exercise Section 64 of Disaster Management Act, 2005 and direct Ministry of Communications to waive all rentals for sirens and strobe lights deployed in telecom towers by Disaster Management Authorities.

3) Considering the above facts and unable to activate the sirens and strobe lights at 35 BSNL towers on which they are deployed, it has become essential to relocate them to nearby suitable Government Buildings. The cost for the above activity includes the following:

1. Unmounting the sirens, strobe lights and allied equipment from the BSNL Towers and the offices.
2. Fabricating and erecting mono poles in Government buildings.
3. Establishing electrical connectivity and LAN cabling for the sirens and strobe lights.
4. Erecting the sirens and strobe lights on the mono poles and setting up the allied equipment.

4) Member Secretary, KSDMA has reported that these works can be carried out through the contractor M/s CMS who has the AMC and O&M of the KaWaCHaM System.

5) As per the minutes read as 3<sup>rd</sup> paper, State Executive Committee of Kerala State Disaster Management Authority has agreed to the proposal.

6) Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to accord in-principle sanction to unmount 35 EWDS installations from BSNL towers and mount them on mono-poles after due assessment by the Technical Support Group (TSG). Member secretary, KSDMA shall negotiate the cost for the above work with M/s CMS. The Principal Secretary, Disaster Management is delegated to utilize necessary funds from State Disaster Relief Fund based on the recommendation of the TSG.

To:

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