



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Electronics and Information Technology Department- Kerala Fibre Optic Network (KFON) Project- Plan Schemes- Working Group 2023-24- Providing free internet connection to economically backward families- Administrative Sanction accorded- Orders Issued.

ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (B) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms)No.24/2023/ITD Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 27-06-2023

Read: 1) G.O.(Ms.)No.18/2022/ITD dated 24.05.2022.

2) G.O.(Ms.)No.32/2022/ITD dated 31.08.2022.

3) Letter No.229/KSITIL/Budget/2022/7475 dated 03.04.2023 from the Managing Director, Kerala State IT Infrastructure Limited.

4) Minutes of the meeting of the Departmental Working Group held on 29.04.2023.

ORDER

In the Budget speech for 2023-24, it was declared that an amount of Rs.2 crore is earmarked for providing free household internet connection under KFON project to 70,000 eligible BPL families and 500 families would be identified in each Legislative Constituency for this. The budget allocation for providing free internet connection for the Financial Year 2023-24 is Rs.2 Crore.

2) The Managing Director, KSITIL, as per the letter read as 3rd paper above, submitted a proposal before the Departmental Working Group for according administrative sanction for an amount of ₹5.04 crore for the purpose of providing household internet connection to 14,000 economically backward families for the Financial Year 2023-2024. The meeting of the Departmental Working Group, held on 29.04.2023, considered the proposal and decided that Administrative Sanction is to be issued for the current year's budget provision.

3) In these circumstances, Government are pleased to accept the decision of the Departmental Working Group and to accord Administrative Sanction for the scheme "KFON - Free internet connectivity to Economically backward classes" for providing free household internet connection to the economically backward families for the Financial Year 2023-2024 under the KFON Project. Beneficiaries

shall be selected as per the existing conditions and guidelines.

4) The expenditure in this regard shall be met from the amount earmarked under the Head of Account 2852-07-101-99 subject to the following terms and conditions:-

- i) Expenditure shall be limited to the current year's budget provision.
- ii) Fund release will be based on actual requirement and the funds released should not be parked in banks.
- iii) Tender/ e-tender and other stipulated formalities shall be followed wherever necessary.
- iv) The Managing Director, KSITIL shall follow all the prescribed guidelines, rules, other formalities and procedures for implementation of the scheme.
- v) Proposals for the release of funds should contain break up of expenditure, report on the component wise expenditure of funds released and component wise Utilization Certificates in the prescribed proforma.
- vi) Funds will not be released in case of any procedural laxity or violation.
- vii) If additional funds are required for the implementation of the said scheme, the Managing Director, KSITIL shall submit proposal for re-appropriation in due course.

(By order of the Governor)
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SECRETARY

To:

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The Managing Director, KSITIL / KFON Ltd.
The Principal Accountant General (A&E) Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram
The Principal Accountant General (G&SSA) Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram
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