



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Electronics and Information Technology Department- Plan Schemes 2024-25- Public Wi-Fi project - Administrative Sanction accorded- Orders issued.

ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (B) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.126/2024/ITD Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 20-06-2024

Read 1 G.O. (Rt) No.94/2018/ITD dated 02.04.2018.

2 G.O(Rt) No. 169/2022/ITD dated 22.8.2022.

3 Letter No.KSITM/Finance/32/2023 dated 17.04.2024 from the Director, KSITM.

ORDER

As per Government order read as 1st paper above, Administrative sanction was accorded for establishing 2000 Public Wi-Fi hotspots across the State to expand the reach of government services to citizens. Subsequently, as per Government order read as 2nd paper above, sanction was accorded for installing 2000 additional Wifi hotspots with a commitment for increasing the reach of Government services to citizens. As per the letter read above, the Director, Kerala State IT Mission (KSITM) has submitted proposal for issuing administrative sanction for the Public Wifi project for the current financial year.

2) Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to accord Administrative Sanction for an amount of **₹2500 Lakhs** for the Public Wifi project as detailed below for the Financial Year 2024- 2025.

Public Wifi (K-fi)

Head of Account-4859-02-004-90 (*Capital*)

Table - 1 - Details of the project are as follows : -

Parameter	Description
Amount to be	2500 Lakh

expended	
Activity-wise statement (How the amount is intended to be spend)	See Table - 2 below.
Outcome of the Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More Wi-Fi coverage to rural areas like coastal villages and tribal hamlets and hence achieving the target of complete Digital State. • Achieving the targeted service levels (98% uptime) for the Wi-Fi hotspots. • Bringing more users into the Wi-Fi network taking the unique user count to 1 Lakh per day. • Revenue generation through the add-on services and advertisements.
Benefits to the public	Free internet access to the citizens by using their smartphones/tablets/laptops etc. for availing various m-Governance, e- Governance applications of the Central & State Govt.
Assets if any to be created	Access points for 2000 Additional hotspots
Revenue Generation	Revenue generation through the Wi-Fi network by paid advertisements, paid usage etc.
Beneficiaries of the scheme	Government offices & Public
Deliverables	1 GB free Wi-Fi data.

Table - 2 -Details of Proposed Expenditure :

Sl No.	Public WiFi(K-Fi) Project	Amount (in Lakhs)
1.	Payment towards BSNL for the Operations and Maintenance charges, Upgradation of Public Wi-Fi Hotspots, Shifting of Public Wi-Fi Hotspots	900
2.	Payment towards Third Party Auditor (TPA)	100
3.	Payment dues towards Operator - OPEX	200

4.	Payment towards Consultancy charges for Site survey for additional 2000 hotspots, Floating RFP for finding operator and finding agency for Monetization etc.	75
5.	CAPEX and OPEX charges for additional 2000 hotspots including payment towards operator, bandwidth and electricity charges etc.	1100
6.	KFi Branding & Advertisements, Purchase of Ad server and associated software/hardware for Monetization	75
7.	Setting up of Project Management Unit for KFi project to monitor Operations, Marketing and Monetization activities	40
8.	Administrative Expenses including Travel, Training, Skill upgradation of project staff & Miscellaneous expenses	10
	Total	2500

The above schemes shall be implemented adhering to the following conditions:

- Expenditure should be limited to the current year's budget provision.
- The expenditure shall be met from the provision available under the appropriate Head of Account.
- Fund release will be based on actual requirement and the fund released should not be parked in banks.
- Store purchase rules should be strictly adhered to.
- Tender/ e-tender and other stipulated formalities shall be followed

wherever necessary.

- For Civil Works CPWD rates shall be followed.
- Post creation and purchase of vehicle are not admissible under the schemes.

3) The Director, Kerala State IT Mission shall follow all the prescribed guidelines, rules, other formalities and procedures for implementation of the scheme. Proposals for release of funds should contain break up of expenditure, report on the component wise expenditure of funds released during the previous year and component wise Utilization Certificates in the prescribed proforma. Funds will not be released in case of any procedural laxity or violation.

(By order of the Governor)
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To:

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Principal Accountant General (G&SSA) Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
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Section Officer