

11.6 Information Technology - Scheme shared between State and Centre - "Tamil Nadu State Wide Area Network"- Implementation - Administration Sanction - Orders - Issued.

Information Technology (EGOV I) Department

G.O.(Ms.) No.11

Dated:27.10.2007

Read:

1. G.O.(Ms) No.31, Information Technology Department dated 18.11.2003.
2. G.O.(Ms) No.32, Information Technology Department dated 18.11.2003.
3. G.O.(D) No.25, Information Technology Department dated 25.05.2004.
4. G.O.(2D) No.11, Information Technology Department dated 29.10.2004.
5. From the Joint Director, DIT, Government of India, Letter No. 3(53)/2004 - EGD, dated 31.3.2005.
6. From the Joint Secretary, DIT, Government of India, Letter No. 3(2)/05 - EGD, dated 5.4.2005.
7. From the Joint Director, DIT, Government of India, Letter No. 3(53)/2004 - EGD, dated 15.4.2005.
8. From the Joint Director, DIT, Government of India, Letter No. 3(53)/04 - EGD, dated 27.2.2006.

ORDER

The Tamil Nadu State Wide Area Network project proposed by the Government of Tamil Nadu is the back bone network to provide integrated data/internet/intranet, voice and video communication within Government officers right up to the block level which will provide secure connectivity to run the e-Governance applications of Government and will improve the service delivery in more transparent manner to the citizens.

2. The salient features of the TNSWAN project is as follows:

- ☞ intra data and voice communication within the Government officers will result in reduction of cycle time of Government to Government (G to G) transactions and also reduce the communication cost considerably.
- ☞ Video conferencing facility up to Districts will also enable quick decision making and also reduce the travel expenditure considerably.
- ☞ Communication assistance for the relief activities during the natural calamities.
Bring the Government closer to the Citizens by enabling e-Governance applications
Reduce the cycle time of Government to Citizens (G to C), Citizens to Government (C to G) transactions.

3. In the order first read above the Government have issued orders for appointment of a Consultant towards the implementation of the Tamil Nadu State Wide Area Network and entrusted the work of implementation of Tamil Nadu State Wide Area Network (TNSWAN) to ELCOT. In the order second read above Government have set up a "State High Level Committee for widening of the scope in TNSWAN connectivity upto Block level. appointment of consultant with modified

prequalification criteria and Terms of Reference and scope of work for the TNSWAN project. In the order fourth read above the Government have accorded sanction for awarding the consultancy work towards setting up of TNSWAN to "M/s HCL Info systems Limited".

4. The State Wide Area Network has been identified as an element of the core infrastructure for supporting e-Governance initiatives of the States under the National e-Governance Action Plan (NeGAP) and Department of Information Technology (DIT), Ministry of Information and Communication Technology, Government of India. has issued guidelines (No. 1 (3)-2004-EGD dated 20.10.2004) towards the implementation of State Wide Area Networks (SWANs) for extending partial funding support for the project.

5. The ELCOT has accordingly prepared a proposal for the implementation of the TNSWAN project at a cost estimate of Rs. 181.69 crores. As per the proposal the TNSWAN will be operated by an agency under Build, Own Operate and Transfer (BOOT) model for a period of five years. The proposal prepared at a cost estimate of Rs. 181.69 crores, covers the Department of Information Technology, Government of India contribution as Rs. 97.17 crores and the State Government contribution as Rs. 84.52 crores.

6. The Government of India have accorded administrative approval towards grants-in-aid of Rs. 97.17 crores for the project vide letter sixth read above. In the letter fifth and seventh read above, the Government of India released a sum of Rs. 19 crores as grants-in aid for the first year of operation of TNSWAN Project.

7. The Draft Request for Proposal (RFP) prepared by ELCOT for the project has been approved by the Government of India vide letter eighth read above and a tender has been floated for selection of operating agency for the network. The MD ELCOT vide his letter ninth read above has requested the Government to issue formal orders for implementation of the scheme.

8. The Government have carefully examined the request of the Managing Director, ELCOT and decided to accept the proposal. The Government hereby accord administrative sanction for the implementation of the Tamil Nadu State Wide Area Network (TNSWAN) Scheme at an estimated cost of Rs. 181.69 crores (Rupees one hundred and eighty one crores and sixty nine lakhs only) which includes State Government share of Rs. 84.52 crores and Government of India share of Rs. 97.17 crores spread over a period of five years.

9. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide its U.O. No. 130/SS (SPR)106-1 dated 27.10.2006.

(By order of the Governor)

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Secretary to Government