

6.24 Information Technology – Communication Infrastructure - Use of Public Right of Way for laying optic fibre cables - Policy guidelines for grant of permission to take up Maintenance and Last mile connectivity work - Orders - Issued.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (B) DEPARTMENT

G.O. (Ms) No. 29

Dated : 4.11.2003

Read :

1. G.O. (Ms) No.10, Information Technology Department, dated 4.5.2000
2. Letter No.23, Information Technology Department, dated 8.9.2000
3. G.O. (Ms) No. 28, Information Technology Department, dated 3.11.2000
4. G.O. (Ms) No.29, Information Technology Department, dated 10.11.2000
5. G.O. (Ms) No.7, Information Technology Department, dated 12.02.2001

ORDER

In the Government Order first read above, guidelines specifying the terms and conditions for the grant of centralised permission for the use of Public Right of Way by any private or public sector applicant who proposes to lay Optic Fibre Cable (OFC) along the National and State Highways and other roads in the State of Tamil Nadu, were issued.

2. In the Government orders second and third read above, certain amendments were issued to the said guidelines and a set of consolidated general guidelines were later issued in the Government Order fourth read above, incorporating these amendments.

3. The Private Communication Providers (PCPs) have informed the Government that they have completed most of their OFC laying on the Highways stretches and inside the city roads. However due to the continuous trenching activity taken up by Private Operators as well as Public Service Agencies there have been several instances of OFC having been cut and manholes having been disturbed. Due to such OFC cut, the reliability of the Communication Infrastructure is being severely affected. The PCPs have informed the Government that unless the restoration of these OFC cuts and manhole installation are done immediately, the bandwidth connectivity provided to the Software companies and Organisations taking up IT-enabled services would be much affected. The PCPs have also informed of the importance on providing last mile connectivity to the customers without any delay.

The Government has been giving permission to use the public right of way for laying OFC only to create the necessary bandwidth connectivity throughout the State and thereby facilitate Tamil Nadu to emerge as the most preferred destination for IT-companies due to its excellent Communication Infrastructure. Through G.O.Ms.No.15, Information Technology Department, dated 22.05.03, the Information Technology Policy of Tamil Nadu 2002 has also been issued highlighting the importance of communication and connectivity. It will be very important to ensure the reliability of such OFC and other communication cables network created by the PCPs.

6. பேரூராட்சிகளின் பணிகள்

The Government, after careful examination have decided to issue necessary guidelines for enabling the PCPs to take up Maintenance and Last mile connectivity work of their Communication Infrastructure.

Accordingly the Government has decided on the procedure to be followed by all the PCPs as well as the Public Service Agencies and also the Government organisations involved in the issue of permissions for trenching work. These guidelines specifying the terms and conditions for taking up the Maintenance and Last mile connectivity work of their Communication Infrastructure are annexed.

These consolidated guidelines on maintenance work are also applicable to all PCPs who have been accorded centralised permission so far.

This order issues with the concurrence of Highways & Municipal Administration and Water Supply departments vide their U.O.No.11504/HN2/2003-1 dated 8.8.2003 and U.O.No.25257A/MA-IV/2003-1 dated 18.8.2003 and respectively.

(By order of the Governor)

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