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## GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Electronics and Information Technology Department-Kerala Fibre Optic Network (K-FON) implementation-formation of Joint Venture Company-in-principle approval-Sanction accorded-orders issued.

**ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (B) DEPARTMENT**  
**G.O.(Ms)No. 22/2017/ITD Dated,Thiruvananthapuram,13/10/2017**

Read: 1 G.O.(Ms)No. 10/2017/ITD dated 18/05/2017

2 Minutes of the Meeting held by Chief Secretary on  
14/09/2017

ORDER

Government, vide GO read as 1st paper above had accorded Administrative Sanction for an amount of Rs.1028.20 Crores for the Kerala Fibre Optic Network (K-FON). Kerala Fibre Optic Network (KFON) aims to build a state wide optical fibre network infrastructure for providing high speed connectivity to all Government, Educational institutions and leveraging the network to the Telecom/Internet service providers on non discriminatory basis to provide quality and affordable internet services to the citizens. This network will provide hindrance free access to Government and non-Governmental services, apart from educational, health, social welfare, entertainment and knowledge based service facilities to common people through computer and mobile phone. With the project implementation, free internet connection will be provided to poor families in the state and also provide internet services at a lower rate to others.

2) In the meeting chaired by Chief Secretary on 14/09/2017 with Kerala State Electricity Board Limited (KSEBL), Kerala State IT Infrastructure Limited (KSITIL) and Kerala State IT Mission (KSITM) discussed the strategy for the implementation of K-FON project. Having examined the decisions of the meeting in detail, Government are pleased to grant an in-principle approval for the formation of a Joint Venture (JV) company with the association of KSITIL and KSEB with equal equity participation for the implementation of K-FON project with Kerala Infrastructure Investment Fund Board (KIIFB) assistance. The equity participation of KSEB in the new Joint Venture Company will be treated as quid pro quo for sharing the assets and resources of KSEB for the implementation of the project.

3) Government are also pleased to constitute a core committee with Chairman & Managing Director, KSEB as Chairman of the committee and Secretary (IT), KSITIL/KSITM officials as members to formulate a draft Memorandum of Association, Articles of Association and organizational structure of the proposed Joint Venture company.

4)KSITIL is also entrusted with the preparation of Request for Proposal (RFP) with the support of KSEB engineers and also authorised to proceed with preparatory works for tendering the project.

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5) From its formation, the Joint Venture company will be the implementing agency of K-FON . The Government Order read as 1<sup>st</sup> paper above stands modified to this extent.

By order of the Governor  
**M SIVASANKAR IAS**  
**SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To:-

The Managing Director, Kerala State IT Infrastructure Limited,  
Thiruvananthapuram.

The Director, Kerala State IT Mission, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Chairman and Managing Director, Kerala State Electricity  
Board, Thiruvananthapuram

The Principal Accountant General (G & SSA) Kerala,  
Thiruvananthapuram

The Principal Accountant General (A & E), Kerala,  
Thiruvananthapuram

Finance Department

Power Department

General Administration (SC) Department (vide Item No. 1144  
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