

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

No. DPAR 61 EGM 2014

Karnataka Government Secretariat,
M.S.Building,
Bengaluru, dated: 07. 08.2014

From,
Secretary to Government,
Department of Personnel
and Administrative Reforms(E-Gov),
Bengaluru.

To,
The Chief General Manager(Projects),
Bharath Broadband Network Limited,
CGM Projects, BBNL, 2nd Floor, CACI Campus,
Dooravaninagar,
Bengaluru.

Sir,

Sub:Facilitating implementation of National Optical Fiber Network(NOFN)
Project of Government of India, in Karnataka, for establishing an Optical
Fiber based network for Broadband connectivity to Panchayats for
Universal Services to rural population of the county.

Ref:Your letter No.CGM/BBNL/RoW/1, dated:21.06.2014, addressed to
the Additional Chief Secretary, RD and PR Department,
Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru.

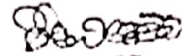
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I am directed to invite your attention to your letter under reference on the subject
cited above and to state that the Department of personnel and Administrative Reforms(e-
Governance, Government of Karnataka, has already issued orders as contained in the
Government order No.DPAR 79 EGM 2012 dated:14-12-2012, a copy of which(both in
Kannada and its English version)is enclosed herewith whereby Government of Karnataka
has issued orders facilitating implementation of National Optical Fiber
Network(NOFN)Project of Government of India, in Karnataka, for establishing an Optical
Fiber based network for Broadband connectivity to Panchayats for Universal Services to
rural population of the country.

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The said G.O, interalia, designates Centre for e-Governance as the nodal agency to coordinate with BBNL for implementation of NOFN project in Karnataka.

Yours Faithfully.



Desk Officer-I,

Department of Personnel
and Administrative Reforms(E-Gov),

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Read: 1. Letter No 16-04/2012-EIP dated:02-05-2012 of Department of Telecommunication, Government of India.

2. Circular no ITD 06 PRM 2012 dated: 15-06-2012

3. Tri-partite Memorandum of Understandings (MOU) between Government of India (Department of Telecommunications), Bharath Broad Band Network Ltd., (BBNL) and Government of Karnataka.

Preamble:

Government of India, in its letter dated 02-05-2012 referred above at read (1), informed to established an Optical Fiber based network for Broad Band connectivity to panchayath of Universal Services to rural population of the Country. This project is called National Optical Fibre Network Project (NOFN). Circular No:ITD06PRM 2012 dated:15-06-2012 as been issued pertaining to this project. Instruction through this circular has been given to the Deputy Commissioners, Chief Executive Officers of Zill Panchayaths, Executive Engineers of PWD, all Electricity Supplies Company, commissioner and Director of Directorate of Municipal Administration and Executive Engineers of Irrigation of all districts, extracted as under:

"All the Concerned Authorities/Agencies/ Department are hereby instructed not to collect Row charges to implement the above project and suitable instruction has to be issued to the concerned under your jurisdiction. The state government is fully committed to support this project of central government.

Deputy commissioner and Chief Executive Officer are requested to provide space of not less than 50 sq.ft., free of cost and ensure mains power in the Gram Panchayat Office/ suitable location for installation of equipment of the NOFN project. Ensure that the BBNL staff or their representatives are provided 24x7 access to the facility where NOFN equipment is installed, to enable operation and maintainance. DCs and CEOs shall nominate in Nodal Officer for Co-Ordination

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with BBNL, Executing Agency for the project. Suitable awareness programmes among the local officers and other stakeholders be also organized."

Tripartite MoU on behalf Government of Karnataka has been signed to implement this project in the state.

Government of Karnataka is required to provide support to this Project(NOFN) as per paragraph 6.0, which is reproduced below.

"6.0 Union Territory/State Government:

State Government/UT will act as a facilitator for providing NOFN services and will ensure the following

6.1 Designate a nodal Department to coordinate with BBNL for implementation of NOFN Project in the State/Union Territory.

6.2 No Row Charges including reinstatement charges be levied by any State Government, their local bodies, companies or agencies as the information highway proposed to be created through National Optical Fiber Network for broadband to be connectivity to Panchayats is primarily for the benefit of the local communicates to panchayats and State Governments. This support will be considered as contribution of the State Government towards this project as a larger good for ensuring the time bound implementation of the programme and to avoid any delays in grant of Row permission.

6.3 Electric Utilities (Transco/Discoms) shall give Right to Way (Row) on their transmission lines/sub-transmission lines/distribution lines free of cost to BBNL for installation of OPGW/ADSS cable as may be suitable for extending connectivity to Gram panchayats.

6.4. The State Government through its competent authority will issue blanket approval to BBNL authorizing it for laying OFC without further need of Row permission under the State agencies and electric utilities in the State for the NOFN project during installation as well as operation and maintenance phases i.e. life cycle of the project.

6.5 The blanket approval of Row should be applicable to the all State Government agencies like PWD/RES/Forest/Municipality/Panchayat authorities/Electricity Boards/Irrigation/Private Electricity Distribution Agency etc. As applicable. (subject to adherence to provisions of Forest conservation Act wherever applicable)

6.6 State Government, will provide space and power at Gram panchayat Bhawan or any other suitable location on cost basis for equipment placement and smooth operation of the NOFN project as required.

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6.7. State Government, will provide unhindered access to BBNL's staff of its representative in Panchayat Bhawan or any other suitable location for operation/maintenance.

6.8 This agreement will be valid for operation and maintenance of the OFC Network"

Further, Government of India has specified, in paragraphs 7.0 and 8.0 of the MoU, the advantages that would accrue to state Governments and Panchayats by establishing the proposed network, which are reproduced below:-

7.0 Advantage to State Government

7.1 Panchayats are the constitutionally mandated 3rd tier of government and key institutions for local self government in the rural areas. Coverage of Panchayats with Broadband internet connectivity has a great potential for empowering rural masses by giving them access to information, public services including those of education, health and financial inclusion.

7.2 Bandwidth requirement for panchayats will be higher due to sharing of connectivity and extensive use of audio/video applications

7.3 The network can be used for service delivery platform for payment, enrolment and registration for targeting benefits to BPL category, MNREGA, PDS, certificates for birth/death/income, land records and registration effectively and efficiently by electronic means.

7.4 State government can develop e-office for delivery of document management system, collaborative messaging, e-file, record management, project and task management, RTI, Parliament Questions, court cases, public grievances, inventory and stores, administration, Human resource, budget monitoring, circulars, events, notices, etc. Taking into consideration of Panchayats and rural citizen.

7.5 Other applications for the Panchayats are Government schemes, Planning Management, Monitoring, Payments, Education, Health, Employment, Agriculture and Commerce.

7.6 Further with the help of central government standardized ICT Systems and Services state government can get robust and reliable National Network, improved efficiency and reduced costs, improved Centre-State co-ordination, improved co-ordination among states, sharing of best practices, better planning, visibility and monitoring of development, enhanced Cyber Security and Data Control, improved public service and delivery at Panchayats and improved productivity efficiency and reduced cost.

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8.0 Benefit to Panchayats.

8.1 Citizens resident in Panchayats will get easy and convenient access to public services on education, health, security, employment, agriculture, banking, pension, transport, energy, legal, etc.

8.2 They will get access to and awareness on government schemes in a transparent manner and with transactions in real time, improved Government interface and enhanced Governance experience leading to citizen's empowerment.

Accordingly, Government has ordered as follows.

Government order No:DPAR 79 EGM 2012 dated:14th December 2012

Government has ordered as described in the preamble as below:-

To issue necessary orders to directing the departments/institutions concerned to implement strictly as specified in paragraph 6.0 of the MoU to the implementation of NOFN project in the State:-

(a) Necessary help shall given by the government departments/institutions reproduced in para.2 of the paragraph (6) of the MoU as in read (3) above.

(b) The Government departments/institutions should follow the instructions given in para 3 of the circular dated: 15/06/2012 as read (2) above.

4.2 To designate the centre for e-governance , Bengaluru as the nodal agency to coordinate with Bharath Broadband Network Limited (BBNL) for implementation of NOFN Project in the State.

5. The concerned administrative departments of Kamataka Government secretariat should issue necessary instructions to the field departments/institutions concerned to take necessary actions to implement the instructions given in para 4.1 above.

This order issued as per concurrence given by the Finance department by its Note No :ACS, FD/4792, dated: 20/10/2012.

By Order and in the name
Of Governor of Kamataka
Sd/-

(H.R.Nagaraj)

Desk Officer-1

Department of Personnel
And Administrative Reforms
(E-Governance)

To:

The Compiler, Kamataka Gazette, Bangalore-to issue this Order in the Special Gazette, and to supply 700 copies to the Desk Officer-1, Department of Personnel And Administrative Reforms And Administrative Reforms (E-Governance)

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Copy to:

1. All Additional Chief Secretaries of Government
2. All principal secretary/secretaries of Government
3. Accountant General, Audit-1 and 2, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore
4. Chief Executive Officer, Centre for E-Governance, M.S. Building, Bangalore
5. Director, Directorate of EDCS, M.S. Building, Bangalore.
6. All Deputy commissioners.
7. Chief Executive Officers of all District Panchayats.
8. Private secret to the Chief Secretary, vidhana soudha, Bangalore.
9. Chief Engineer, Public Works Departments, (Communication and buildings) (South), Bangalore.
10. Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, (Communication and buildings) (South), Dharwad.
11. Chief Engineer, Water Resources Development office (WRDO) Anandrao circle, Bangalore-560 009.
12. Chief Engineer, Irrigation(South), Mysore.
13. Chief Engineer, Water Resources Development, H.C.Z, Tumkur.
14. Chief Engineer, Water Resources Development, H.P.Z, Goruru.
15. Chief Engineer, Water Resources Development, UTP, Shimoga.
16. Chief Engineer, Water Resources Development, IC.Z, T.V.Dam, Munirabad.
17. Chief Engineer, Water Resources(North), Belgaum.
18. Chief Engineer, Water Resources Development, IP.Z, Gulbarga.
19. Chief Engineer, Water Resources Development, Varahi Project zone, Siddapur.
20. Chief Engineer, Water Resources Development, Malaprabha zone, Dharwad.
21. Chief Engineer, Water Resources Development, Canal Zone, Upper Krishna Project bheemarayana gudi.
22. Chief Engineer, Water Resources Department, Canal Zone, Upper Krishna Project, (Dam zone), Almatti.
23. Chief Engineer, Water Resources Department, Canal Zone-2, Upper Krishna Project Kumbhavi(Ramapura).
24. Chief Engineer, Water Resources Department, UBP, Chitradurga.
25. Chief Engineer, Minor Irrigation (South) Bangalore.
26. Chief Engineer, Minor Irrigation (North), Bijapur.
27. Executive Engineers of Public Works Department of all districts
28. Executive Engineers of Water Resources Department of all districts.
29. Commissioner and the Director, Directorate of Civic Administration, 9th Floor, VV Tower, Bangalore-560 001.
30. Managing Director, Bangalore Electricity Supply Corporation Limited (BESCOM), Bangalore.
31. Managing Director, Gulbarga Electricity Supply Corporation Limited (GESCOM), Gulbarga.

32. Managing Director, Hubli Electricity Supply Corporation Limited.(HESCOM, Hubli.
 33. Managing Director, Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation Limited.(CESCOM), Mysore.
 34. Managing Director, Mangalore Electricity Supply Corporation Limited.(MESCOM), Mangalore.
 35. Commissioner, Bangalore Development Authority (BDA), Kumarakrupa West, Bangalore-560 001.
 36. Commissioner, Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike(BBMP), N.R. Square Bangalore-560 001.
 37. Commissioner, Bangalore Metropolitan Regional Development Authority(B.M.R.D.A)Ali askar road, Bangalore-560 052.
 38. Finance department(expenditure-12).
 39. Private Secretary to Secretary to Government, DPAR(e-Governance).
 40. Private Secretary to Principal Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.
 41. Private Secretary to Principal Secretary to Government, Urban Development Department.
 42. Private Secretary to Principal Secretary to Government, Department of Energy.
 43. Private Secretary to Principal Secretary to Government, Department of Water Resourcesy.
 44. Private Secretary to Principal Secretary to Government, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department.
 45. Private Secretary to Principal Secretary to Government, Forest, Ecology and Environment Department.
 46. Private Secretary to the Secretary to Government, Information Technology, Biotechnology and Science and Technology Department.
 47. Department of Cabinet Affairs(Cabinet Section)
 48. Section Guard file / Extra copies.
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