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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Purchase of Computers by Government Departments, Organisations and Public Sector Undertakings - Direct Purchase from KELTRON - Orders Issued.

STORES PURCHASE (A) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(MS)No.3/99/SPD

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 29.3.1999

- Read:
1. Government Circular No.31230/D3/96/ID dated 9.5.'97.
 2. Note No.17827/D3/98/ID dated -.11.'98 from the Industries Department.

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In the Circular first read above it was directed that the Heads of Government Departments, Organisations and Public Sector Undertakings will place orders on a direct purchase basis on KELTRON for their requirement of 486 and pentium based computer System produced by KELTRON.

2. A doubt has been raised as to whether KELTRON is producing Computers. The manufacture of Computers in India is largely limited to assembly and integration of sub-systems. KELTRON, like any other PC manufacturer, does not produce the processors, hard disks or other essential components, which are made only by a few companies all over the world. However, the assembly of PCs definitely does constituted a manufacturing activity since it involves design, development, procurement, integration and testing. It is noted that any special hardware that may be required by certain customers can be integrated in KELTRON's systems too in the same way that other manufacturers also do. The final product is a Pentium-bas KELTRON PC irrespective of the configuration or specifications of the sub-assemblies involved.

3. In the circumstances Government Order that the Heads of Government Departments, Organisations and Public Sector Undertakings will place their orders on a direct purchase basis on KELTRON, for their requirement of 486 and pentium based Computer System produced by KELTRON, in relaxation of para 57(a) (ii) of the Stores Purchase Manual. The Purchasing Department/Officer

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should follow the procedures prescribed in para 57 (a) (i) of the Stores Purchase Manual in this purchase and see that proper agreement is executed for maintenance and Annual Maintenance Contract.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

C.K.KUTTAPPAN,
JOINT SECRETARY.

To

All Heads of Departments.
All District Collectors.
All Public Sector Undertakings/Autonomous Bodies.
All Departments (All Sections) in the Secretariat.
SF/OC.

Forwarded/By Order,

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SECTION OFFICER.