

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

State Planning Board - Decentralised Planning - Monitoring of plan implementation - Setting up of a computer network - 'Kerala Information network for Local Bodies' - Administrative Sanction accorded - Orders Issued.

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PLANNING & ECONOMIC AFFAIRS (B), DEPARTMENT  
G.O. (MS) No. 38/99/Plg. Thiruvananthapuram,  
Dated, 12-8-99.  
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Read:- 1. G.O. (MS) 61/99/ITD dt. 22-4-99.  
2. Lr.No.C1-4421/99/SPB. dt. 22-6-99  
from the Secretary, State Planning Board.

O R D E R

The State Planning Board, from the two years of experience in decentralised planning, felt the necessity of an efficient system, for the collection and collation of data on plan programmes prepared by local bodies, and regular monitoring and feed back mechanism is essential for ensuring the right planning and effective implementation of projects. Each local body is supposed to be a local self Government, implementing a large number of development programmes individually. Monitoring of development plans of such large magnitude can be accomplished only by establishing a computer network. Such a network will be able to facilitate easy and prompt communication between various local bodies with the State Planning Board for monitoring the plan implementation in local bodies, to whom 35-40% of the State Plan fund is devolved as grant-in-aid for formulating need based local development plans.

2. In the above background the State Planning Board submitted a project proposal to the Planning Commission of India, in October, 1998, by name, 'Kerala Information Network for Local Bodies' for setting up a computer network connecting all local bodies to the State Planning Board, the objectives of the project being:-

- (i) To provide computer connectivity between State Planning Board and Local Bodies.
- (ii) To develop a regular mechanism for monitoring of plans of local bodies.

- (iii) To establish a mechanism for automating the various operations of local bodies.
- (iv) To provide trained manpower to local bodies for operating computer hardware and software.

The Planning Commission accepted the proposal as a gesture of appreciation of the decentralisation of planning process initiated in the State. The Commission has also sanctioned Rs.10/- crores of special central assistance during 1998-'99 for this purpose and subsequently a further assistance of Rs.10/- crores during 1999-2000.

3. The proposal of the State Planning Board was discussed by a High Level Committee under the chairmanship of the Chief Minister on 8th April, 1999 and the Committee approved the proposal. In the circumstances the Secretary, State Planning Board, as per his letter read as 2nd paper above has requested Government to accord sanction for the following, as decided in the High Level Committee meeting:-

- i) Implementation of the project, 'Kerala Information Network for Local Bodies' by the State Planning Board.
- ii) Implementation of the project through the Mission Group of C-DIT.
- iii) Signing of MOU by State Planning Board with C-DIT for the above purpose.
- iv) Formation of an implementation committee under the chairmanship of Minister (Local Administration) and technical committee headed by the Vice-Chairman, State Planning Board to oversee the project implementation.

4. Government have examined the project proposal submitted by the State Planning Board in detail and are pleased to accord sanction for the implementation of the project 'Kerala Information Network for Local Bodies' appended to this order, at an estimated and tentative cost of Rs.19.75 crores, by the State Planning Board. The project will be implemented by the Information Kerala Mission Group drawn from C-DIT on behalf of the State Planning Board.

5. Sanction is also accorded to the State Planning Board for signing an MOU with the C-DIT regarding the terms of implementation of the Project.

6. Government are pleased to constitute an implementation committee and a technical committee with the following members, to oversee the project implementation.

Implementation Committee

1. Minister for Local Administration (Chairman)
2. Vice Chairman, State Planning Board.
3. Secretary, State Planning Board.
4. Secretary, Local Administration.
5. Secretary, Information Technology.
6. Secretary, Rural Development.
7. Secretary, Finance & Resources.
8. Shri.E.M.Sreedharan Namboodiripad  
(Part-time Member, State Planning Board).
9. Dr.T.M.Thomas Isaac  
(Part-time Member, State Planning Board)
10. Director, C-DIT
11. Shri.C.V.Ouseph, President, Ernakulam District Panchayat.
12. Shri.M.Prakasan Master, President, Kannur Block Panchayat.
13. Shri.R.Sivarajan, President, Karakulam Grama Panchayat.
14. Prof.G.Jayasanker, Honorary Mission Director.
15. Registrar, C-DIT.
16. Shri.P.V.Unnikrishnan, Executive Mission Director (Convenor).

Technical Committee

1. Vice Chairman, Kerala State Planning Board.  
(Chairman)
2. Dr.C.J.Johny (Director & Head, Science & Society Division, Department of Science and Technology, New Delhi)
3. Dr.S.K.Sai (Senior Director, Department of Electronics, New Delhi)
4. Dr.S.Ramani (Director, NCST, Bombay)
5. Prof.G.Jayasanker, (Directorate of Technical Education, Thiruvananthapuram)
6. Chief General Manager, Kerala Circle, Department of Telecom.
7. Dr.B.Ekbal (Member, State Planning Board)

8. Dr.M.A.Ananthakrishnan (Chairman, IT Advisory Committee, Tamil Nadu)
9. Dr.M.Harisanker (Indian Institute of Management, Kozhikode)
10. Dr.Vekatesh Athreya (Department of Humanities, IIT, Madras)
11. Dr.K.G.Balakrishnan (Director, Institute of Human Resources Development in Electronics)
12. Dr.D.S.Rane, Formerly Director, Computer Division, VSSC, 8 Anantha Colony, Arappura, Vattiyoorkavu, Thiruvananthapuram.13.
13. Shri.T.Mohandas, Principal Scientist Engineer, NIC.
14. Prof.K.Sasidharan, Consultant, I.T.Wing, State Planning Board.
15. Shri.E.M.Sreedharan Namboodiripad (Part-time Member, State Planning Board).
16. Shri.P.V.Unnikrishnan, Executive Mission Director, (Convenor).

7. The cost estimates for software and other components including administration expenses, personnel charges, included in the project proposal will be re-examined by the Implementation Committee and the Technical Committee before implementation. The services of NIC will also be availed for software development. The infrastructure & facilities created will be made available to other departments at the local level for their common information requirements.

8. The members of the Committee shall be treated as Class-I officers for the purpose of T.A. and D.A. for attending the Committee meetings.

9. The project will be completed by 31-3-2001. Once the project is completed the Mission Group will cease to exist.

10. Purchase of hardware etc. for the 'Kerala Information Network for Local Bodies' will be effected, following guidelines prepared by the 'Committee on Guidelines for Information Technology procurement in Government', constituted as per the Government order read as 1st paper above.

11. Expenditure on this will be met from the Special Central Assistance of Rs.20 crores sanctioned for this purpose by the Government of India, to be transfer credited to the Head of account "3451-101-94-Electronic data processing of the State Planning Board-Plan", in the current year's budget.

By Order of the Governor,

K.N.KURUP,  
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To

The Secretary, State Planning Board, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Prl Accountant General (A&E), Kerala, Tvpm.

The Accountant General (Audit), Kerala, Tvpm.

The Department of Local Self Government.

The Information Technology Department.

The Finance Department.

The S.F/O.C.

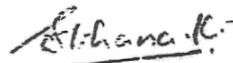
Copy to: The Private Secretary to Chief Minister.

The Private Secretary to Minister (Finance)

The Private Secretary to Minister (Local Self Government)

The Private Secretary to Vice Chairman, State Planning Board.

Forwarded/By Order,



Section Officer.