

ABSTRACT

e-Courts Project – e-Sewa Kendra implemented at Principal Seat of Madras High Court, Madurai Bench of Madras High Court at Madurai, Yercaud Taluk in Salem District and Krishnagiri District Court Complex for the use of Advocates and Litigant Public – Sanction of 4 posts in the cadre of Computer Operator on contractual basis with consolidated pay of Rs.20,000/- each per month for e-Sewa Kendras – Orders – Issued.

Home (Courts-IV) Department

G.O. (Ms) No.212

Dated:14.03.2024 சோபகிருது, பங்குனி 01 திருவள்ளுவர் ஆண்டு 2055

Read:-

From the Registrar General, High Court of Madras, Chennai, letter Roc.No.19248-B/2023/G2, dated 01.03.2023.

ORDER:

The Registrar General, High Court of Madras, in his letter read above, has stated that as directed by the Hon'ble Committee of Madras High Court, the High Court has implemented the e-Sewa Kendra at the Principal Seat of Madras High Court and Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai on 15.05.2020 and at Yercaud Taluk in Salem District on 17.09.2020. Subsequently, the Department of Justice has released a sum of Rs.16,02,000/- towards implementation of e-Sewa Kendra in above said places. Further another e-Sewa Kendra was inaugurated in Krishnagiri District with the existing infrastructure in the Combined Court Complex by the then Hon'ble Chief Justice of Madras High Court on 03.07.2021.

- 2. The Registrar General, High Court of Madras has further stated that the e-Sewa Kendra can be used as a witness Centre from which a Witness residing in a remote place can depose the evidence to the court without physically stepping into the court and also the following services are being offered in the e-Sewa Kendra.
 - Handling inquiries about case status, next date of hearing and other details

- Facilitate online application for certificate copies and other such filing
- Facilitate efiling of petitions right from scanning of hardcopy petitions, appending eSignatures, uploading them into CIS and generation of filing number.
- To assist in online purchase of eStamp papers/ ePayments.
- To help in apply and obtain Aadhaar based digital signature.
- Publicize and assist in downloading the Mobile APP of eCourts for Android and IoS.
- Handling queries about Judges on leave.
- Handling queries about location of the particular court, its cause-list and whether the case is taken up for hearing or not.
- Guide people on how to avail free legal services from District Legal Service Authority, High Court Legal Service Committee and Supreme Court Legal Service Committee.
- Facilitate disposal of traffic challan in virtual courts as also online compounding of traffic challans and other petty offences.
- All other queries and assistance in respect of facilities which are digitally available under eCourt Project.
- Explain the method of arranging and holding a video conference court hearing.
- 3. The Registrar General, High Court of Madras has also stated that in the project implementation guidelines of e-Sewa Kendra of the Hon'ble e-Committee, Supreme Court of India, it has been stated as follows:-

"8.E-SEWA KENDRA MANPOWER NEEDS

- 8.1 One Judicial Assistant from Court Establishment with Knowledge of Handling Computer devices
- 8.2 PLV/Contractual Staff for manning counters depending upon the number of counters.

9.3 Manpower –
Court Employee – NIL
Contractual Staff – Rs.15,000/- each P.M".

Based on the aforesaid direction, the technical manpower has been deputed to facilitate e-Filing process and to provide e-Court services to the advocate/litigants/party-in-person at Madras High Court and at Yercaud Taluk in Salem District through the Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency, Chennai and the salary for the Technical Manpower are being paid to TNeGA from and out of the funds allotted by the Department of Justice towards the implementation of e-Sewa Kendra.

- 4. The Registrar General, High Court of Madras has also stated that as informed by the Hon'ble e-Committee, Supreme Court of India, the Phase-II of e-Courts project reaches finale by 31.03.2023 and the unspent fund available under Phase-II of e-Courts account has to be returned to the Department of Justice. In view of the above and as directed, the High Court recommends for sanction of 4 posts in the cadre of Computer Operator on contractual basis with Consolidated pay of Rs.20,000/- per month, (with escalation of 10% increase every year) for the above said e-Sewa Kendras
- 5. The Registrar General, High Court of Madras has, therefore, requested the Government to issue necessary orders sanctioning 4 posts in the cadre of Computer Operator on contractual basis with Consolidated pay of Rs.20,000/- per month, (with escalation of 10% increase every year) for e-Sewa Kendras at the Principal Seat of Madras High Court, Madurai Bench of Madras High Court at Madurai, Yercaud Taluk in Salem District and Krishnagiri District Court Complex.
- 6. The Government, after careful examination, sanction 4 posts in the cadre of Computer Operator on contractual basis with Consolidated pay of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty thousand only) each per month for e-Sewa Kendras established at the Principal Seat of Madras High Court, Madurai Bench of Madras High Court at Madurai, Yercaud Taluk in Salem District and Krishnagiri District Court Complex.
- 7. The expenditure sanctioned in para 6 above shall be debited to the following Heads of Account:-
 - i. "2014 00 Administration of Justice 102 High Courts State's Expenditure AA Judges and Registrars 333 Payments for Professional and Special Services 04 Contract Payment (Charged)"
 (DPC 2014 00 102 AA 33304)

- ii. "2014 00 Administration of Justice 105. Civil and Session Courts - State's Expenditure - AB. Mofussil, Civil and Sessions Courts - Regular Establishments - 333 Payments for Professional and Special Services - 04 Contract Payment" (DPC 2014 00 105 AB 33304)
- 8. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No.660/Finance (Home-II)/2024, dated:14.03.2024.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

P.AMUDHA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMEMT

To
The Registrar General, High Court of Madras, Chennai-104.
The Pay and Accounts Officer, Chennai-104/Madurai.
The Principal Accountant General, Chennai-18.
The Treasury Officers, concerned.
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Section Officer

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