



ABSTRACT

School Education – Implementation of Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in Schools – Revised administrative sanction – Orders – Issued.

School Education (SSA 1) Department

G.O (Ms) No 46

Dated 14.03.2017

திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு 2048
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Read:-

1. G.O.Ms.No.88, School Education (HS2) Department, dated 27.3.2012.
2. G.O.Ms.No.149, School Education (HS2) Department, dated 19.06.2012.
3. The Director of School Education, Letter R.C.No. 68710/PD1/S3/2014, dated 14.09.2015, 13.10.2015 and 16.10.2015.

ORDER:-

The Government of India had approved the 'Computer Education Plan for Schools' in Tamil Nadu and accorded administrative sanction to implement the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in Schools Scheme in totally 4340 Schools with the funding pattern of Centre and State in the ratio of 75:25 through 'BOOT Model' in a period of 5 years starting from 2011-2012 @ Rs.6.40 lakhs per school of which the Central share is Rs.4.80 lakhs and the State share is Rs.1.60 lakhs.

2. In the Government Order 1st read above, orders were issued according sanction for implementing the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Scheme through BOOT Model in 2341 Government High and Higher Secondary schools. A total outlay of Rs.21303.10 lakh for 5 years was sanctioned consisting of Rs.14982.40 lakh towards non-recurring expenditure and Rs.6320.70 lakh towards recurring expenditure. Accordingly, the State Government sanctioned a sum of Rs.3121.33 lakhs for the year 2011-2012 towards non-recurring expenditure (Gol share of Rs.2341 lakhs + State's matching share of Rs.780.33 lakhs). In the Government Order 2nd read above, orders were issued according sanction for implementing the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Scheme through BOOT Model in 1999 Government High and Higher Secondary schools and accorded administrative sanction for a total outlay of Rs.12793.60 lakhs and financial sanction for a sum of Rs.2665.33 lakhs towards expenditure for the first year during 2012-2013 (Government of India's share of Rs.1999 lakhs and State Government share of Rs.666.33 lakhs).

3. The Director of School Education has stated that tenders were floated for the implementation of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in schools programme under BOOT Model for 4340 schools in the year 2013. In the first three tenders there was no response. Hence, for the fourth time the tender was floated in 2013. The bid offers received in the 4th tender were evaluated and scrutinized, and three Consortia were short listed as eligible bidders. Letter of Acceptance (LOA) was issued to the 'L1' Bidder on 25.2.2014. However, since there were procedural lapses as per rule 26(2) and 26(3) of Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Rules, the Director of School Education cancelled the Tender on 23.3.2016.

4. In the meantime, the Government of India has integrated the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in schools scheme with the ongoing scheme of Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) in the year 2013 and the funding pattern of the scheme has been changed from the originally agreed 75 : 25 to 60 : 40 from the year 2015-2016. The Project Approval Board of Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan, for the year 2016-2017, has approved an amount of Rs.281.78 crores for the implementation Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in schools in the ratio of 60 : 40.

5. The Government after considering all the above facts, has decided to implement the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) programme in schools as follows and orders accordingly :-

- (i) Instead of 4340 schools 1000 schools should be taken up in one stretch to implement the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) programme with available fund.
- (ii) Revised Administrative Sanction is accorded for Rs.64.00 Crore (Rupees sixty four crores only) (GOI share Rs.43.40 crore+ State share Rs.20.60 crore).
- (iii) Tamil Nadu Text Book and Educational Services Corporation is nominated as Tender agency. Tender Scrutiny and Evaluation Committee should be formed for tender process as per the Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Act.
- (iv) Five years maintenance clause for Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) should also be incorporated as a part of the tender so that the tenderer will provide the hardware and software requirements, educational tools and also attend to the annual maintenance contract for 5 years.
- (v) Contract should be put up for 5 years, 90% of the payment should be made on installation and commencing and balance 10% should be paid over 5 years period at the rate of 2% every year to cover Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) also.

6. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide its U.O.No.12907/Edn-II/2017, dated 14.03.2017.

(By order of the Governor)

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