



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Forest & Wildlife Department – Purchase of PDAs deviating Government sanction – Revised Administrative sanction for implementing Forest Mobility Solution using PDAs - accorded – Orders issued.

Forest & Wildlife (D) Department

G.O.(Rt) No.115/2014/F&WLD

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 11.03.2014.

- Read : 1. G.O.(Rt) 41/2010/ F&WLD Dated 23.01.2010
2. Lr. No.PCM-275/2010 dated 26.07.2011 from the Chief Conservator of Forests (FMIS).
3. Lr. No.PCM-275/2010 dated 10.02.2012 from the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (BDC).
4. Lr. No.PCM-275/2012 dated 21.10.2013
5. Minutes of the Departmental Working Group held on 31.10.2013 and 21.11.2013.

ORDER

As per the Government Order read as 1st paper above Administrative sanction was accorded for the purchase of 200 PDAs at an estimated cost of Rs. 40 Lakhs under the head of account 2406-01-800-61-IFM (P) 75% CSS subject to the condition that proper need assessment be carried out through system requirement study, specification of software etc, if necessary, by consulting experts from institutions like IIIT or any other similar agency so that the systems requirements are assessed properly and options evaluated as that would ensure better implementation of the scheme.

(2) The Chief Conservator of Forests (FMIS) as per letter read as 2nd paper above has informed Government that the Accountant General during the local audit made in the FMIS wing, has observed the purchase of 35 PDAs along with customized software for the PDAs at a total cost of Rs. 43,11,566/- (Forty three lakhs eleven thousand five hundred and sixty six rupees) deviating the purchase, violation of Administrative Sanction issued earlier and without specific consent of Government.

(3) At the same time procurement of SIM cards for the 35 PDAs was under consideration of Government. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (BDC) as per letter read as 3rd paper above has furnished another proposal for providing GPRS facility to the staff for use of these PDAs with a monthly recurring expenditure of Rs. 500/- (Five hundred rupees) per month for each gadget under the head of account 2406-01-800-95-Forest Protection of the respective forest divisions using the PDAs.

(4) The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FMIS) was asked to furnish proposals for revised administrative sanction as observed by the Accountant General and it was decided to conduct a meeting of the Departmental Working Group for considering the revised administrative sanction for 35 PDAs with customized software for PDAs and server developed by M/S KELTRON at a total cost of Rs.43,11,566/- (Forty three lakhs eleven thousand five hundred and sixty six rupees) in place of the

Administrative sanction accorded for the purchase of 200 PDAs at a total cost of 40 lakhs and for the incurring of monthly recurring expenditure of Rs.500/- (Five hundred rupees) towards GPRS facility under the Head Account 2406-01-800-95-Forest Protection of respective forest divisions with a condition that the Department should convince the Information Technology Department and other Departments the reason for revised administrative sanction.

(5) Accordingly, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FMIS) as per letter read as 4th paper above has furnished proposal for revised administrative sanction for Forest Mobility Solution using PDAs for which the components are purchase of 35 Nos. of rugged PDAs at Rs. 53,000/- (Fifty three thousand rupees) each plus tax and for the customized software at Rs.23,81,624/-(Twenty three lakhs eighty one thousand six hundred and twenty four rupees)[total Rs.43,11,566/-(Forty three lakhs eleven thousand five hundred and sixty six rupees)] which were discussed in the meeting of the Departmental Working Group held on 31.10.2013 and 21.11.2013.

(6) In the circumstances reported by the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FMIS) in the letter read as 4th paper above and based on the decision taken in the meeting of the Departmental Working Group held on 31.10.2013 and 21.11.2013, Government are pleased to accord revised Administrative Sanction for implementing Forest Mobility Solution using PDAs, in place of the Administrative Sanction accorded as per G.O. read as 1st paper above, for purchase of 200 PDAs at a total cost of Rupees 40 Lakhs, subject to the condition that the Department should take necessary steps to make the PDAs, accessories and software already purchased useful for the purpose/objective, ie ;SIM enabling, distribution at field level, data capturing and analysis, report generation and further conservation action thereon.

By Order of the Governor,
P.K.Mohanty,

Additional Chief Secretary to Government.

To

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FMIS), Thiruvananthapuram.
The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Dev.), Thiruvananthapuram.
The Accountant General (Audit/A&E), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
The State Planning Board, Pattom, Thiruvananthapuram
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