

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA Abstract

Local Self Government Department - Implementation of e-Tendering in Local Self Government Department - Opening of Zero Balance Account and procurement of Digital Signature Certificate - Sanction accorded - Orders issued.

LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT (DC) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(MS)No.318/2013/LSGD.

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 28.09.2013

Read:- 1) G.O.(P)No. 15/2013/Fin. Dated, 7.1.2013.

- 2) G.O.(MS)No. 232/2013/LSGD Dated, 25.6.2013.
- 3) Letter No.DB1/7942/04/CE/LSGD dated 4/7/2013, 31/7/2013 from Chief Engineer, LSGD.
- 4) Govt. Letter No. 29665/DC3/13/LSGD dated 27.8.2013.

ORDER

As per the reference read as 2nd paper above orders have been issued for implementing the scheme of e-tendering in Local Self Govt. Department. The Chief Engineer, LSGD as per letters read as 3rd paper above has now requested to accord sanction for opening a zero balance account for online transaction of EMD and Tender schedule fee and for providing DSC to officers for undertaking e-tendering of public works in Local Self Government Department.

- Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to accord sanction for opening Zero Balance Account for the purpose, on condition that the account shall be used only for E-procurement. The account will be opened by the District Panchayat Executive Engineers in 14 districts and the Engineering heads (AE/AEE/EE) in 60 Municipalities and Superintending Engineers in 5 Corporations. The Assistant Engineers of Grama Panchayats and Assistant Executive Engineers of Block Panchayats shall use the Zero Balance Account opened by the District Panchayat Executive Engineer of the respective District for e-procurement.
- 3) Sanction is also accorded for obtaining Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) by all the officers who require DSC for e-procurement in Local Self Government Department.

- 4) Government have also examined the complaints relating to tender for public works in LSGIs and found that the present system of e-tender in LSGD for all tenders worth Rs.25 Lakhs and above is inadequate for ensuring transparency in this regard. Government are therefore, pleased to issue orders for the implementation of e-tender system in LSGD for all tenders worth Rs.5 lakhs and above.
- 5) The Govt. Order read as 2nd paper above stands modified to the above extent.
- 6) The Chief Engineer, LSGD will take all necessary steps to implement the scheme in Local Self Government Department without delay.

By order of the Governor, James Varghese Principal Secretary to Government.

To

The Director of Urban Affairs, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Director of Panchayats, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Commissioner, Rural Development, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Chief Engineer, Local Self Government Department

The Principal Accountant General (Audit)/(A&E)/(LBA&A), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Planning & Economic Affairs Department

The Local Self Government (FM) Department

The Public Works Department

The Law Department

The Information Technology Department

The Information Kerala Mission, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.

The National Informatics Centre, Vellayambalam, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.

The Finance Department.

The Information & Public Relations Department

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Section Officer