

KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD Ltd

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ABSTRACT

KFON Project - Establishing intranet/internet connectivity at various offices of KSEBL through KFON network - Sanctioned - Orders issued.

CORPORATE OFFICE (IT, CR & CAPs)

BO (FTD)No.786/2022(CEIT/RITU/KFON/End Offices/2021- Thiruvananthapuram,Dated: 23.09.2022
22)

Read: 1) B.O. (DB) No. 276/2018(CEIT/RITU/LMC2014-15/KFON dated 29.01.2018.

- 2) B.O. (FTD) No. 688/2019 (CEIT/RITU/KFON/2019-20 dated 07.09.2019.
- 3) Joint Venture Agreement among KSEBL, KSITIL & GoK.
- 4) Note No. CEIT/RITU/KFON/End Offices/2021-22(8) dated 14.07.2022 submitted to the Full Time Directors.
- 5) Note No: LA&DEO/R/107/2022 dated 22.08.2022 of the LA&DEO.
- 6) Supplementary Note dated 27.08.2022 submitted to the Full Time Directors by the Chief Engineer (IT,CR & CAPs) (Agenda Item No:118/8/2022).

ORDER

The KFON Project of Government of Kerala, is progressing at a fast pace. It will provide free connectivity to KSEBL offices, as per B.O. read as 1St above, and the Joint Venture Agreement was executed among KSEBL, KSITIL & GoK. 1768 Nos. of KSEBL offices have been thus earmarked for giving internet and intranet connection through KFON and the work is under progress. A few KSEBL offices have already been given KFON Intranet connection and are working in a stable condition. More offices are in the process of being connected through KFON. In addition to the above, internet connectivity is provided to 117 Nos. KSEBL offices through KFON network.

The connectivity in KSEBL offices is presently established through Airtel and BSNL, with Airtel as the Primary Network Bandwidth Service provider and BSNL as the secondary service provider. In the KSEBL offices where KFON internet / intranet connection is already given, KFON connectivity is established by replacing the Airtel Primary MPLS link with KFON link. The KFON link is connected as Primary and BSNL link is retained as secondary/redundant link. The present modem available at KSEBL offices is capable of handling only two network connections. Hence, in order to provide KFON connection, one of the existing service providers, preferably Airtel has to be disconnected.

The service aspects of the above recommendation of disconnecting one of the service provider was submitted to the Full Time Directors as per the note read as 4th above, in which the Chairman and Managing Director sought legal opinion on the above issue of disconnecting one of the existing service providers. The LA & DEO as per note read as 5th above, has opined that there is nothing illegal in terminating the agreement with Bharati Airtel Ltd, after due notice, stating the Board's intention, so as to cause not only no/least damage to them and thereby minimising chances to claim for damages against KSEBL, but also to have a proper exit plan (taking into account the technical

aspects involved) to safegaurd the interest of the Board.

Accordingly the matter was placed before the Full Time Directors, as per Note read as 6^{th} above.

Having considered the matter in detail, the Full Time Directors, in the meeting held on 31.08.2022, resolved to establish KFON connectivity in all KSEBL Offices & Electrical Sections, in coordination with KSITIL/BEL by replacing one of the existing service providers (preferably Airtel connection) as and when KFON physical connectivity is ready.

Further resolved to replace the Airtel link after the KFON connectivity is successfully established in an office and to stop invoicing of Airtel for the link, after the testing period of 3 months, for which M/s. Bharati Airtel shall be served with due notice as per the relevant clauses of agreement executed with them.

Orders are issued accordingly.

By Order of the Full Time Directors

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LEKHA G Company Secretary

To:

Chief Engineer (IT, CR & CAPs).

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The TA to Chairman & Managing Director/ Director (D, SCM&IT)/ Director (T,SO,
Safety & Planning)/ Director (REES including SOURA, NILAAVU Projects, Sports
& Welfare)/ Director (G-E)/ Director (G-C)
The PA to Director (Finance & HRM)
The CA to Secretary (Administration)
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Assistant Engineer