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ABSTRACT

Free distribution of laptop computers to the students studying in Government and Government aided Schools and Colleges - Orders – Issued.

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Special Programme Implementation Department

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ORDER:

The Government have decided to implement the scheme of free distribution of laptop computers to the students studying in Government and Government aided Schools and Colleges in the state to facilitate them in acquiring better computer skills. His Excellency the Governor of Tamil Nadu in his address to the Legislative Assembly on 3.6.2011 made the following announcement, *“This Government will also implement the scheme for free distribution of laptop computers to students and commence the distribution from September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011 to cover all the plus one and plus two students in Government and Government Aided schools and students in Government and Government aided colleges in a phased manner. During 2011-2012, laptops will be distributed to 9.12 lakh students”.*

2. The scheme will be implemented by the Special Programme Implementation Department.

3. The Electronics Corporation of Tamil Nadu (ELCOT) is entrusted with the task of procuring laptop computers under this scheme. The

specifications for the laptop computers shall be finalised by the ELCOT taking in view the usage of the laptop computers for the student community. The laptop computers shall be procured in a transparent manner through competitive bidding process following the procedure stipulated in the Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Act 1998 and Rules 2000. Selected suppliers would be required to set up service and repair centres at district level.

4. The distribution of the laptop computers shall be done by the respective Departments like School Education, Collegiate Education and Technical Education Department.

5. The methodology of coverage and distribution of the laptop computers to students studying in Government and Government aided Schools and Colleges shall be as follows:

- i. During 2011-12, being the First Year, all students of +2, I and III year students of Art and Science Colleges, II and IV year students of Engineering Colleges and I & III year students of Polytechnic Colleges will be covered.
- ii. In the Second year i.e., 2012-2013, all students of +2, III year students of Art and Science Colleges, II and IV year students of Engineering Colleges and I & III year students of Polytechnic Colleges will be covered.
- iii. From the third year i.e., 2013-2014 onwards, all students of +2 and I year students of Polytechnic Colleges will be covered.

6. During 2011-12, 9.12 lakh laptop computers will be distributed covering the students as indicated in para 5 (i) above. Sanction is accorded for a sum of Rs.912.00 crores (Rupees Nine hundred and twelve crores only) for free distribution of 9.12 lakh laptop computers to the students studying in Government and Government aided Schools and Colleges.

7. The expenditure sanctioned in para 6 above shall be debited to the following new sub-head of Account.

"2202 General Education – 80 General – 800 Other Expenditure – Scheme in the Eleventh Five Year Plan – II State Plan – JC Free distribution of Laptop Computers to the students – 76 Computers and Accessories – 01 Purchase". (DPC 2202-80-800-JC-7617)

8. The amount sanctioned in para 6 above shall not be paid in cash but paid in P.D. Account of the ELCOT by contra credit to "K. Deposits and advances (b) Deposits not bearing interest - 8443-00 Civil Deposits 800-Other Deposits. BX Deposits of Electronics Corporation of Tamil Nadu Ltd. (ELCOT) DPC 8443-00-800-BX 000E (Receipts)."

9. The Secretary, Special Programme Implementation Department is the Estimating, Reconciling and controlling authority for the above new sub head of account. The Pay and Accounts Officers/Treasury Officers concerned are requested to open the above new head of account in their accounts.

10. The Expenditure is on "New Service" and the approval of legislature will be obtained in due course. Pending approval of the Legislature, the expenditure will be met by advance from the contingency fund, orders regarding which will be issued in the Finance (BG-I) Department. The Secretary, Special Programme Implementation Department is requested to send necessary application in the prescribed form together with a copy of the Government Order to Finance (BG-I) Department for sanction of advance from the contingency fund. He is also requested to send the draft supplementary notes indicating the cost of the scheme with the explanatory notes therefore to the Finance Department in due course.

11. The Section Officer (Bills), Special Programme Implementation Dept. is authorised to draw the amount sanctioned in para 6 above by means of an account payee cheque drawn in favour of P.D. Account of the ELCOT indicating the account number thereon and disburse the same to ELCOT. The amount shall be drawn in four equal instalments based on the utilization.

