

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

**Sub:** Setting up of e-Procurement platform – reg.

**Read:** Government Order No. DPAR 26 EGV 2003 dt. 3-6-2003.

### **Preamble :**

The State Government has taken up various major e-Governance initiatives for computerizing citizen centric services for delivering hassle free service to citizens in the most efficient manner, The examples include Bhoomi, Cauvery, Sarige, Raita Mitra And Krishi Marata Vahini. State Government has also undertaken some major initiatives to computerize its back offices. Some of the examples are computerization of Department of Treasury and Computerisation of Commercial Taxes Department etc.

The Government has also embarked on some other core areas of e-Governance. They include setting up of Wide Area Network, a State Data Centre for ensuring disaster recovery of various e-Governance projects and for making data centrally available to departments and citizens. Some new citizen centric services have also been planned. They include Bangalore One under which citizens in Bangalore would be able to get their utilities based service from citizen integrated centres.

Rural Digital Service is a counterpart of Bangalore One under which citizens in rural areas would be able to get all their taluk and district based services like issue of caste certificate, income certificate from the village level telecentres itself. Human Resource Management System is another major e-Governance initiatives under which the details of all 8 lakh State Government employees would be computerized and made available.

Another major e-Governance initiative which is programmed is '**e-procurement**'. The objective of this initiative is to introduce best practices in procurement across Government departments and PSUs. This initiative is in line with the major reforms undertaken by State Government in the areas of procurements. Karnataka is the only State to have introduced a comprehensive Act on the issues related to procurement. It is also working with World Bank for further reforms in the area of procurement. The benefits of e-procurement help in demand aggregation, reduced inventory cost, consistent procurement procedures across the department and of course the transparency in the end to end process of procurement. Processes like reverse auction may even lead to major savings to Government because of competition. Similar initiatives on smaller scale have been tried in various PSUs like KPTCL, KSRTC, WRDO, BMTC etc. The results are encouraging although not optimized because of uncoordinated approach and because of non optimal solutions.

Realising the importance of setting up of e-procurement platform, the State Government has constituted a steering committee under the chairmanship of Additional Chief Secretary, There is a need to now expedite the setting up of a unified e-Procurement platform to be used by all the departments and the public sector undertaking. Hence, the following order.

**GOVERNMENT ORDER NO. DPAR 26 EGV 2003 BANGALORE,  
DATED 15<sup>th</sup> MAY 2004**

The Government are pleased to:

1. approve a setting up of a single unified platform to be used by all the Government departments and public sector undertakings;
2. authorise the Steering Committee on e-procurement chaired by the Additional Chief Secretary to introduce the e-Governance platform immediately in various departments in phased manner;
3. stop all manual tendering processes in such department as and when e-procurement platform is introduced;
4. appoint a Consultancy agency through competitive process which would help in advising the Government on selection of vendors and setting up of the platform.
5. modify KTPP Act to bring in the concept of e-procurement.

By Order and in the name of the  
Governor of Karnataka

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DPAR (Administrative Reforms)