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Directorate of Agriculture
Vikas Bhavan, Thiruvananthapuram – 695033
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C I R C U L A R

Sub:- Department of Agriculture – Providing Computer and Connectivity to Krishi Bhavans and other offices of the Department of Agriculture 2013-2014- Reg.

Read:-

1. Circular No-IT-40413/11 Dated: 22.03.2012 of the Director of Agriculture.
2. Circular No-IT-37053/12 Dated: 23.07.2012, of the Director of Agriculture.
3. Order No IT.4013/2011, Dated: 31.03.2012 of the Director of Agriculture.
4. G.O.(Rt) No.1391/2013/AD, Dated:22.07.2013
5. G.O (Rt) No.1241/13/AD, Dated: 02.07.2013.

As per reference (1) telephone and Internet connections were given to **903 Krishi Bhavans** incurring a total cost of Rs. 56 ,77 ,161/- under Special Broadband Plan-BBG FN Combo - 599 for one year during the financial year 2012-2013 under the Plan Scheme, Strengthening of Agricultural Extension - Information support to Krishi Bhavans. During the same period new internet connections were provided to 35 offices including Farms and engineering offices of the Department incurring a total cost of Rs. 2, 20,045/- under the Special *Broadband Plan-BBG FN Combo-599*. (Reference, 3)

As part of this project, Telephone and Internet connections were given to **146 ADA Offices** incurring a total cost of Rs. 9,35 ,130/- under Special Broadband Plan - BBG FN Combo - 599 for one year during 2012-13, under the Plan Scheme, "Strengthening of Agriculture"- IT and Cyber extension".

As per reference (4) read above, Government have issued Administrative Sanction for the implementation of the project proposal regarding the "National e-Governance Plan" to be implemented as new service procedure with a Budget provision of Rs.277.42 Lakhs. As per direction of Government of India, Internet connection of 146 ADA offices was upgraded from Special *Broadband Plan-BBG FN Combo-599* to **Special Plan BBG ULD Combo-900** during 2013-2014 year, at a cost of Rs.14,55,474/- .The comparison of the two Plans is given below:

Sl No	Name of feature	(Old Scheme- 2012-13) Special Broadband Plan BBG Combo-599	(New Scheme- 2013-14) Special Plan BBG ULD Combo-900
1.	Band width	Up to 512 kbps	2 Mbps up to 8GB, 512 kbps beyond 8GB
2.	Annual charges inclusive of landline fixed charges	Rs.5100/-	Rs. 9024/-
3.	Annual Modem Charges	Rs.600/-	Rs.600/-
4.	Monthly Free download /upload limit	4 GB	Unlimited. Speed decreases to 512 kbps after 8 GB usage.
5.	Additional Usage charge per MB	Rs 0.20/-	Nil
6.	Monthly free calls within BSNL network	200 Nos	350 Nos
7.	Additional charges per call for calls beyond free limit	Rs 1/-	Rs.1/Pulse for BSNL & Rs. 1.2 for other networks
8.	Total Amount payable per year per connection inclusive of service tax	Rs.6287/-	Rs.9969/-
Warning: Extra cost for Usage of phone calls and internet beyond the plan limit is to be paid by the officer in charge of the facility			

As per reference (5) read above Government have approved proposal for providing computer and connectivity to Krishi Bhavans and other offices of the Department of Agriculture. Rs 86,92,968 /- was given to BSNL to meet the cost of internet charges of 872 connections of Krishi Bhavans /farms and other offices except ADA Offices under **Special Plan BBG ULD Combo-900** for a period of one year during 2013-14.

During the transition from Special Broadband Plan BBG Combo-599 to Special Plan BBG ULD Combo-900 Telephone and Internet charges for two months are pending to BSNL as detailed below:

Arrear Payment to BSNL during internet plan change period 2013-14							
Sl.No	District	Total Number of broadband connections for Krishi Bhavans, farms and engineering offices	Arrear Amount for ADAoffice, Krishi Bhavans and other offices @Rs629 for 2 months=Rs 1258	Number of ADA Offices	Arrear Amount for ADA Offices @Rs 629 for 2 months =1258	TOTAL AMOUNT (Rs.)	Amount to be Allotted (Rs.)
1	TVM	80	100640	11	13838	114478	114480
2	KLM	72	90576	11	13838	104414	104420
3	ALP	64	80512	12	15096	95608	95610
4	PTA	51	64158	8	10064	74222	74230
5	KTM	67	84286	11	13838	98124	98130
6	EKM	86	108188	14	17612	125800	125800
7	IDK	27	33966	8	10064	44030	44030
8	TSR	78	98124	16	20128	118252	118260
9	PKD	66	83028	13	16354	99382	99390
10	MLP	89	111962	14	17612	129574	129580
11	KKD	74	93092	12	15096	108188	108190
12	WND	21	26418	3	3774	30192	30200
13	KNR	77	96866	9	11322	108188	108190
14	KSD	20	25160	4	5032	30192	30200
	TOTAL	872	1096976	146	183668	1280644	1280710
(Rupees Twelve Lakhs Eighty Thousand Seven Hundred and Ten Only)							

Funds will be allotted under the Head of Account 2401-00-113-83 Pan

The excess internet usage and telephone calls made by the officers are likely to be reflected in telephone bills and such excess amount are to be paid by the officers concerned, who are responsible for excess usage.

It has been noticed that there is a tendency to not remit the bills for excess usage of internet/telephone calls over and above the limits prescribed by the scheme, and often result in cutting of connections by the BSNL. Hence, it is clarified that the additional bills for excess usage of the telephone/internet over and above the limits prescribed by the Scheme by the officials enjoying the facility and this amount of excess usage incurred will not be reimbursed from Department. However officers can reimburse that excess amount from the allotments from local self government institutions if permitted by them.

During the current year also the excess usage in terms of additional telephone calls have to be paid by the officer in charge of the facility. DDA(T)s are directed to take special care in ensuring payment of dues to BSNL incurred due to excess usage by officers.

The phone numbers and internet connection *under Special Broadband Plan BBG Combo-599* provided during 2012-13 in which payment is not due at present will be paid from the Directorate for continued service and will be upgraded to *Special Plan BBG ULD Combo-900 at the time when* payment becomes due during the future months of the current financial year.

DDA(T)s are directed to prepare a database of all phone numbers in their district in consultation with District level Nodal Officers of BSNL. They are also directed to collect complaints regarding the connectivity and to settle them in consultation with the District level BSNL authorities then and there. Only those completes, which require attention and follow up from the State level need be communicated to the Directorate.

In future, the plan will be finalized at Directorate level and payment and continuous follow up will have to be made from District level to ensure timely action and efficient follow up. The details of contact numbers of the District Level BSNL officials are given below:

The Contact Numbers of BSNL Nodal Officers are given below.

BSNL District Nodal Officers			
Sl.No	SSA	Name	Mob.No.
1	TVM	Devan	9447766449
		Latha, AGM	9447734644
2	KLM	Salimkumar, SDE	9446040777
3	ALP	E.A Honey	9446018071
4	PTA	ANIL,SDE	9447757700
5	KTM	Shyam Mohan,JTO	9446218943
6	EKM & IDK	Sudha,AGM	9446071842
		JOSEPH	9447001401
7	TCR	Praveen,SDE	9447860008
8	PKD	John. SDE	9446058788
9	MLP	Satheesh,SDE	9446320420
10	KKD & WND	Sudheesh, JTO	9446041810
11	KNR & KSD	Pradeep, SDE	9446567363

The above guidelines are issued for strict compliance by all concerned.

Sd/-
Director of Agriculture


Additional Director of Agriculture (Extension)

To

All Principal Agricultural Officers and DDA(T)'s - You are directed to communicate the circular to all Assistant Directors of Agriculture AND Agricultural Offices under your control

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