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To

**All PCsDA/CsDA/IFAs**

**Subject: Internet Connectivity – Policy Guidelines.**

Sanction for 'Provision of Internet Access for Various Formations/Organisations/Establishments HQrs. of the Army' were issued vide GoI, MoD letter No. B/04022/IN/Coord/2000/Internet/ADGIT dated 5<sup>th</sup> March 2002.

2. Subsequently, Army HQ vide letter No. B/04001/DDGIT(T&P) dated 20<sup>th</sup> August 2007 in consultation with IFA Army/M, has issued 'Guidelines for Internet Connection' which have the effect of (i) improvement in the type of connectivity (from dial-up to leased line connectivity and from 64 kbps leased line connectivity to 256 kbps and 1, 2 mbps leased line/broadband connectivity) and (ii) increase in the number of users vis-à-vis the sanction accorded by the Government in 2002.

3. The guidelines dated 20<sup>th</sup> August 2007 are similar to the Policy guidelines on PCs and associated peripherals for FMN HQ, Trg. Estts. and Static Instlns. issued vide DDGIT Army HQ No. B/04001/PC FMN/Policy/DDGIT (T&P) dated 27<sup>th</sup> December 2005. The letter dated 27<sup>th</sup> December 2005 interalia, mentioned that the procurement of IT equipment will be made economically based on functional need and that the procurement as per normal process will be undertaken within the scope of approved Priority Procurement Plan (PPP) and budgetary resources.

4. Similarly, the authorization indicated in the guidelines on internet connectivity, both in terms of the number and type of connections, should be seen as being only indicative in nature with each case to be processed and concurred only after due

<sup>1</sup> Instruction No. 1 to 21 issued in 2007

establishment of functional justification and subject to inclusion in the PPP duly vetted by the Command IFA and IFA (Army/M). IFAs may also ensure that the expenditure on this account is met from within the existing budget under the concerned Code Head with availability of funds to be certified in each case on the format circulated vide this HQr Instruction Order No. 9 of 2007 dated 30<sup>th</sup> May 2007. The matter regarding opening of a separate code head, under Minor head 110H – Information Technology, for booking of expenditure on account of access net works, media connectivity, internet connection including related hardware, software, maintenance and rentals, has already been taken up with MoD (Fin/Budget-I) by Accounts Section of HQrs. office. Pending receipt of the clarification/amendment, expenditure on internet connectivity till 31.3.2008 may be concurred as per the existing practice and w.e.f. 1.4.2008, till such time the new code head is opened for this purpose, such expenditure be concurred under detailed head 574/01 as advised by MoD (Fin) and conveyed vide HQrs letter No. A/B/II/11244/Mont-army/Vol.I/P-87 dated 13.10.2005.

5. Army HQ have intimated that broadband connectivity is to be provided on existing civil telephone connections and that Signals is only utilizing services of BSNL/MTNL for provision of telephone connections for reasons of security. Therefore, it has been recommended that as provided for in the Army HQ guidelines dated 20<sup>th</sup> August 2007 Branches/Dtes/Fmns/Orgs/Ests located at New Delhi will utilize MTNL Broadband Internet services and Fmn/Orgs/Ests located at all other locations will utilize BSNL broadband services. It is further mentioned by Army HQ that the usage of service providers other than MTNL/BSNL would be explored for internet leased line connections where there is no requirement of telephone connections. Further, one of the CsDA has reported that 100% advance payment to BSNL on account of upgradation of Internet Leased Line/Annual rental for Internet Leased line is being asked for in the proposals submitted for financial concurrence for internet connectivity. On these issues, this office has interalia, advised Army HQ through IFA (A/M) that:

- (i) the decision to obtain broadband connectivity on STE basis from MTNL/BSNL on grounds of security being policy decision, MoD/MoD (Fin.) may be kept informed about

such policy decision keeping in view that the Government sanction issued vide MoD No. B / 04022 / IN / Coord / 2000 / Internet / ADGIT dated 5<sup>th</sup> March 2002 did not provide for such single tender procurement on security consideration. However, bulk discounts should be negotiated by Army HQ with the concurrence of IFA (Army) from BSNL/MTNL and such discount should be intimated to Command HQs./lower formations with copy to Pr.IFA Wing and Command IFAs. Proposals for internet leased line connections where there is no requirement of telephone connection, may be processed on competitive basis with bulk discounts negotiated by Army HQ/concerned Command HQ as the case may be.

(ii) In no case should the advance payment exceed the limit prescribed in para 7.11 of DPM-2006 unless Government sanction has been obtained for such higher advance payment.

6. IFAs are requested that procurement proposals mooted under the policy guidelines issued by Army HQ on Internet Connectivity and on scaling of PCs and associated peripherals be processed accordingly.

Pr. IFA has seen.

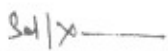
  
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